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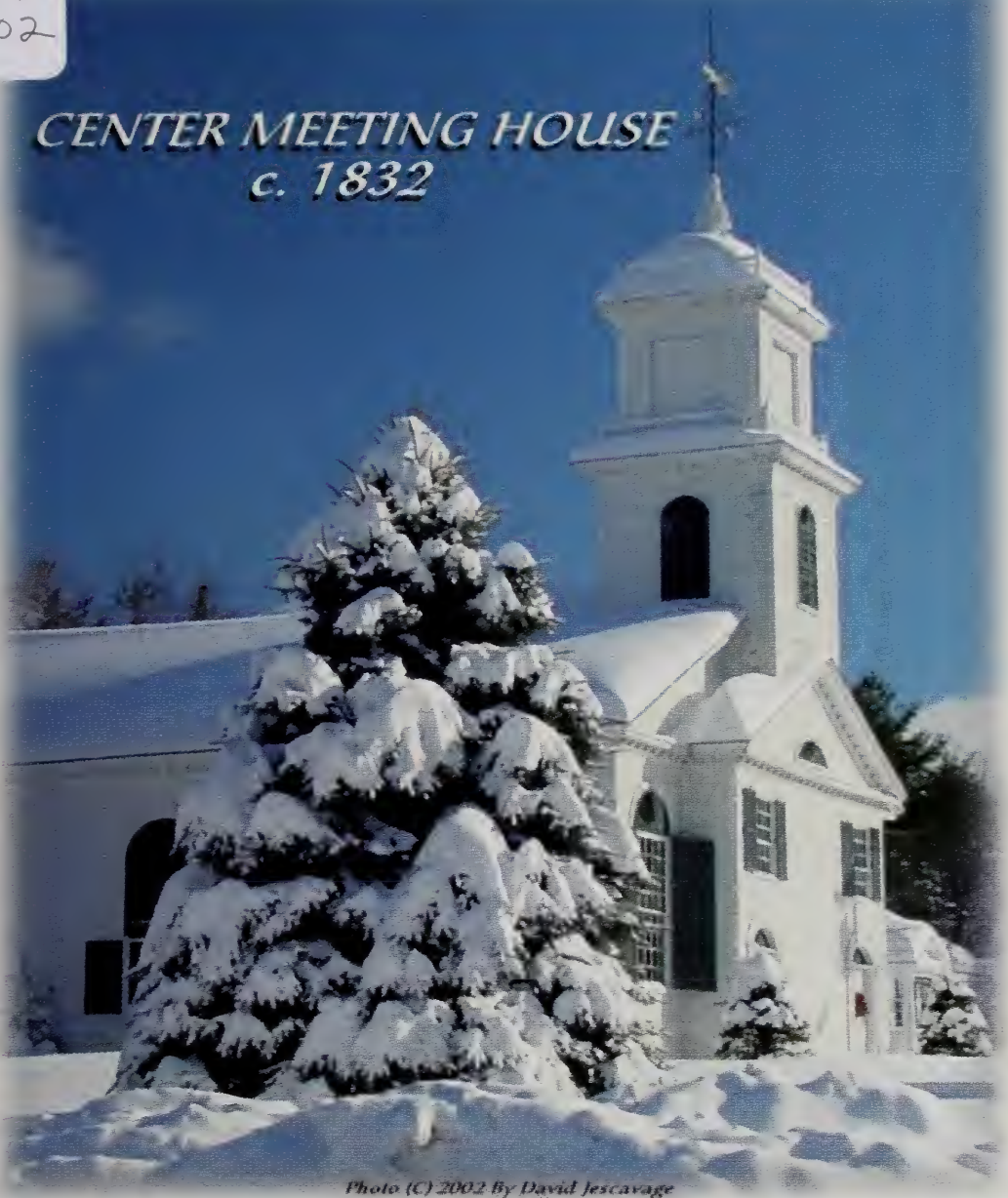


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*The Town
of
Newbury, New Hampshire*

*2002
ANNUAL REPORT*



Lake Sunapee At Blodgett's Landing

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Newbury



Morning Mist On Otter Pond

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Historic Newbury Station Photo (C) By David Jescavage

Annual Report
*of the Selectmen, Treasurer,
and Other Town Officers
for the*
Town of Newbury
New Hampshire
*for the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2002*
with the Vital Statistics for the Year 2002



Presidential Boat Ride
James Powell, "Teddy Roosevelt" & Linda Powell

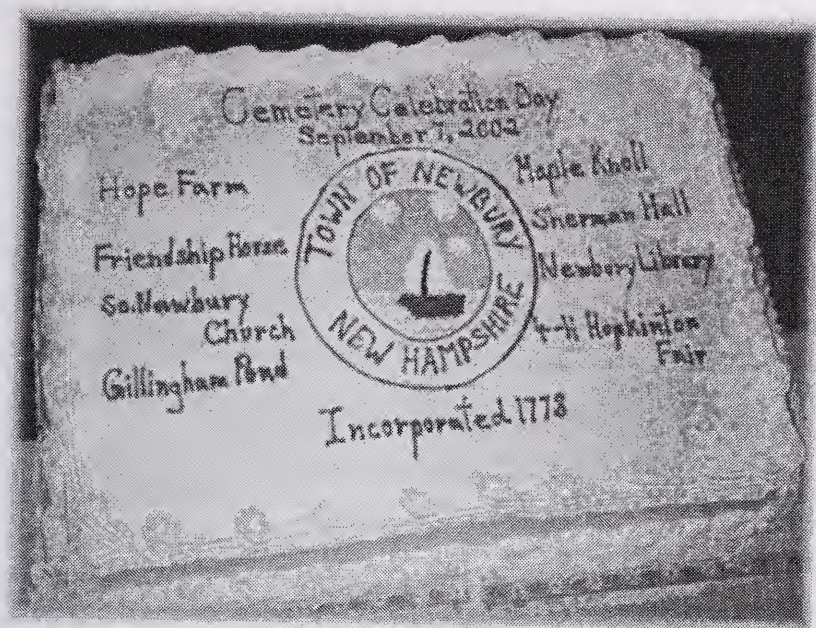
Town Activities



Summer Fun
David Kinsman & James Powell



Farewell Party For Dennis
David Kinsman, Richard Wright & Dennis Pavlicek



*Booth-Sherman Cemetery Dedication
2002*

Booth-Sherman Cemetery



*Cemetery Land Donor
Mr. Sherman*



*Cemetery Trustees
Bill Annable &
Mary Bachelder*

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Newbury Service Directory

Emergency Phone Numbers ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (*non-emergency*) 763-4403
POLICE STATION (*non-emergency*) 763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH 763-2221

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen's Office.....763-4940
FAX.....763-5298

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.- Noon
Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating
schedule of Monday nights at 6:30.
See posted meeting schedules for dates.

www.newburynh.org
E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's
Office.....763-5326
Monday - 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(closed from 12:00 -1:00 p.m.)

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith.....938-5925

Town Highway Department.....938-5494

Library.....763-5803

Monday 12:00 noon- 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 noon - 5 p.m.

Friday closed

Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 noon - 5 p.m.

Transfer Station.....763-2289

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday
of each month at the Town Office.*

Town Officers

Selectmen*

James M. Powell, Chairman, term expires 2005

David Kinsman, term expires 2003

Richard Wright, term expires 2004

Town Administrator **

David J. Jescavage

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2004

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representatives to the General Court

David P. Currier Barbara French J. D. Colcord
Christine Hamm Richard Kennedy Derek Owen

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Champy, term expires 2003

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2005

Deputy Treasurer**

Debbie Sias

Trustees of Trust Funds*

James Therrien, term expires 2003
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2004
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2005

Library Trustees*

Paula Falkowski, term expires 2003
Shelly Candidus, term expires 2004
Beverly Wolf, term expires 2005

**Newbury Member,
Kearsarge Regional School Board**
Dean Bensley, term expires 2003

**Newbury Member,
Kearsarge Regional School District
Municipal Budget Committee**
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2003

Supervisors of the Checklist*
Al Bachelder, term expires 2003
Lane Bellman, term expires 2005
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007

Cemetery Trustees*
William Annable, term expires 2005
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2003
Doris Morrow, term expires 2004

Planning Board*

Ron Williams, Chair, term expires 2003
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2005
Barbara Freeman, term expires 2005
David Thayer, term expires 2004
Gary Budd, term expires 2003
Richard Wright, Ex-Officio Selectman,
term expires 2004
Al Bachelder, Alternate, term expires 2003
Martha von Redlich, Secretary

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Betsy Soper, Chair, term expires 2005
Del Harris, Vice Chair, term expires 2003
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2004
William Weiler, term expires 2004
Charles Killam III, term expires 2005
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2003
Suzanne Levine, Alternate, term expires 2003
Tanya McIntire, Alternate, term expires 2004
Jeff Nester, Alternate, term expires 2005
Cathy Mozzetta, Secretary

Chief of Police**

James S. Valiquet

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

James Powell

Building Inspector**

Del Harris

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell, term expires 2005

Clare Bensley, term expires 2005

Election Officials*****

Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn

Conservation Commission**

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 2003

William Annable, term expires 2005

Peter Newbern, term expires 2005

Eric Unger, term expires 2004

Clare Bensley, term expires 2004

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

John G. Croteau Kevin Walker

Henry E. Thomas, Jr. Ed Thorson

Michael Bascom

* Elected at Town Meeting

** Appointed by Selectmen

*** State Appointment

****Elected by Fire Department

*****Appointed by Moderator

Selectmen's Report

Growth continues to be a driving force on the workload of the Board of Selectmen. Growth in the population of Newbury and the surrounding area as more people discover that this is a great place to live. Growth in the number of visitors and tourists that are drawn by the lake, the ski area, the forests, and all the related activities available. And growth in town services we must provide.

In spring of last year we began revaluing all real property in the town, and this process will be complete in 2003. New homes, sales of existing homes and real estate sales prices have been increasing for several years. We expect the re-valuation to show an increase in the assessed value of all properties, particularly lake properties. We expect to have all the technical work completed in April or May and then notify property owners. Assessors will then be available to meet with individual property owners who have questions or concerns.

Meanwhile the town's legal expenses are growing as we deal with two lawsuits, brought by Baker Hill Golf Club and Moonstone Marina to contest their assessments. This follows the settlement last year of a similar suit by the Mt. Sunapee leasees that lowered their assessment.

We're feeling the pressure of growth at the transfer station with increased volumes of materials, especially demolition and metal. We've improved the building and modified access and layout to more

efficiently handle the amount of material, while pursuing additional ways to cost effectively recycle and reduce expenses.

Growth in snowbanks - as early as October - was a problem faced by the highway department, throwing off the schedule and increasing demands on the crew. They did complete this year's goals on the five-year plan, which we continue to update each year. It's a good tool that keeps us focused, as well as informing residents, on our priorities.

For several years NH Department of Environmental Services has been working with Newbury to address a potential problem with nitrates at the Blodgett sewer facility. After much investigation it was determined that the drying beds were in need of more attention and in September 2002, work was begun to rebuild two of the four drying beds. The remaining two beds will be done in 2003 and this work should solve the problem and extend the life of the sewer system.

There are many other activities and projects under way in town and we encourage you to read the department reports herein to fully inform yourself.

In October, Dennis Pavlicek, our Town Administrator for eight years, left to become Town Manager in Norwich, Vermont. He was a great asset to the Town and invaluable in his work and support to the Selectmen. Fortunately, we were able to hire David Jescavage. He is well qualified and is learning the ins and outs of the town quickly. His willingness to get involved and get the job done is already making an impact.

There will be several warrant articles on the Town Warrant this year that are important to everyone. We urge you to attend the Annual Meeting on March 12, 2003, to understand the issues and make your voice heard.

While Newbury continues to grow and change, the affairs of the town are being managed well by the elected and appointed boards that work long hard hours, all the volunteers who contribute their time in many ways, and the very dedicated employees we are fortunate to have. It is only through working together that we will be able to keep Newbury as the place we want to live. The Selectmen want to thank each of them for being part of our continued success.

*Respectfully submitted,
Newbury Board of Selectmen
Jim Powell, Chairman
Dave Kinsman
Dick Wright*

Town Clerk

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$345,719.50
Dog Licenses Issued	1,556.50
UCC Filings	1,037.25
Boat Registrations	9,695.91
Vital Record	386.00
Filing for Offices	14.00
Miscellaneous.	109.50
Other.	12.00
Total Debits	\$358,530.66

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Treasurer
General Fund 2002
Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$5,932,625.05
Received from Town Clerk	\$358,530.66
Received from State of NH	\$177,904.16
Police Private Duty	\$69,672.00
Police Reports	\$527.50
Police Fines	\$1,393.60
Building permits	\$10,390.74
Pistol permits	\$30.00
Reimbursements	\$72,600.23
Planning Board	\$3,614.90
Zoning Board	\$2,209.81
Recycling	\$1,801.33
Town Office	\$427.97
Tax Lien	\$84,544.68
Parks & Recreation	\$4,100.00
Interest on Checking Account	\$8,840.44
Sale of Town Property	\$3,600.00
Donations	\$500.00
Cable Fee	\$6,286.26
Miscellaneous	\$16,491.28
Transfer Station	<u>\$12,859.00</u>
Total	\$6,768,949.61
Transfers from Investment Accounts	\$1,867,354.38
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	<u>\$159,098.06</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$8,795,402.05
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$7,522,156.72)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2002	\$1,273,245.33

Jennifer J. Goin, Treasurer

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2002	\$175,134.34
Plus: Interest	\$940.91
Plus: Deposits	\$10,000.00
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$185,000.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	\$1,075.25

Mascoma Savings Bank

Balance January 1, 2002	\$1,311,921.23
Plus: Deposits	\$1,201,459.40
Plus: Interest	\$11,787.56
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$1,919,193.81)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	\$605,974.38

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2002	\$49,974.52
Plus: Interest	\$704.36
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$18,152.80)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	\$32,526.08

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2002	\$87,034.74
Plus: Interest	\$2,342.23
Less: Transfers	\$0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$28,619.74</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	\$117,996.71

Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2002	\$271.85
Plus: Interest	\$3.52
Less: Transfers	\$0.00
Plus: Transfers	\$625.00
Less: Account handling charge	<u>(\$28.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2002	\$872.37

Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2002

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three funds invested in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether loan, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (if Common Trust as state)</small>	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			Grand Total Of Principal & Income at End of Year		
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE END YEAR	
Various	CEMETERY FUNDS: Various	Perpetual Care	PDIP	\$13,698.79	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,998.79	\$22,176.69	100.00%	\$497.74	\$3,319.57	\$19,354.86	\$33,353.65
	TOTALS			\$13,698.79	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,998.79	\$22,176.69		\$497.74	\$3,319.57	\$19,354.86	\$33,353.65
	A/C CEMETERY FUNDS													
1972	SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	Lake Sunapee Bank	\$442.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.91	\$346.77	\$0.00		\$4.09	\$4.09	\$0.00	\$346.77
	TOTALS			\$442.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.91	\$346.77	\$0.00		\$4.09	\$4.09	\$0.00	\$346.77
	A/C SCHOLARSHIP FUND													
1954	LIBRARY FUNDS: Jennie J. Folson	Library	SRSB	\$2,992.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.58	\$65.50		\$43.83	\$65.50	\$43.83	\$3,036.39
1966	Shirley Powers	Library	SRSB	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$21.89		\$14.84	\$21.89	\$14.84	\$1,014.84
2000	Patricia W. Steinfield	Library	PDIP	\$15,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,592.00	\$515.92		\$234.72	\$515.92	\$234.72	\$15,826.72
2002	White Library Fund	Library	PDIP	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$0.00		\$25.46	\$0.00	\$25.46	\$4,775.46
	TOTALS			\$19,584.56	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,334.56	\$603.31		\$316.65	\$603.31	\$318.65	\$24,853.21
	A/C LIBRARY FUNDS													
1962	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS: Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	PDIP	\$101,546.95	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151,546.95	\$0.00		\$1,820.76	\$0.00	\$1,820.76	\$153,367.71
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip.	SRSB, PDIP	\$87,271.62	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,271.62	\$2,273.29		\$1,101.54	\$0.00	\$3,374.83	\$80,646.45
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	PDIP	\$15,869.18	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,880.63	\$2,788.55	\$305.31		\$103.01	\$408.32	\$0.00	\$2,788.55
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	PDIP	\$21,248.67	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,248.67	\$3,301.09		\$385.70	\$0.00	\$3,686.79	\$27,935.66
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	PDIP	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$4,070.39		\$540.40	\$0.00	\$4,610.79	\$39,610.79
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	PDIP	\$105,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$47,722.95	\$107,277.05	\$8,904.54		\$1,699.51	\$8,804.05	\$0.00	\$107,277.05
	TOTALS			\$340,736.62	\$128,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,603.58	\$398,133.04	\$18,854.82		\$5,650.92	\$9,012.37	\$13,493.17	\$411,828.21
	A/C CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
1977	GENERAL TRUST FUNDS: Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	PDIP	\$19,785.32	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,507.98	\$20,277.34	\$1,821.71		\$320.31	\$1,942.02	\$0.00	\$20,277.34
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs.	PDIP	\$19,155.89	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,155.89	\$584.41		\$325.81	\$0.00	\$910.02	\$25,065.91
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	PDIP	\$317.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.20	\$12.07		\$3.99	\$0.00	\$16.08	\$333.28
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	PDIP	\$12,222.20	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,024.00	\$198.20	\$800.14		\$175.86	\$976.00	\$0.00	\$198.20
2002	Town of Newbury	Mitilal	PDIP	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00		\$35.26	\$0.00	\$35.26	\$6,035.26
	TOTALS			\$51,480.61	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,531.98	\$50,948.83	\$3,018.33		\$681.03	\$2,918.02	\$961.34	\$51,909.97
	A/C GENERAL TRUST FUNDS													
	GRAND TOTALS			\$425,943.28	\$151,050.00	\$0.00	\$89,231.47	\$487,761.79	\$42,652.95		\$7,332.43	\$15,857.38	\$34,128.02	\$521,889.81

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2002

UNCOLLECTED TAX	2002	2001	2000
BEGINNING OF YEAR			
Property Tax		\$333,998.01	\$3,543.00
Land Use Change		\$8,935.71	
Yield		\$584.99	
Excavation/yard		\$148.00	
Utility Charge		\$7,874.00	
TAX COMMITTED			
Property Tax	\$5,686,689.00		
Land Use Change	\$31,930.00		
Yield	\$15,096.90		
Excavation/yard	\$596.18		
Utility Charge	\$60,465.00	\$394.00	
Other	\$3,385.75		
OVERPAYMENT			
Property Tax			
Land Use Change	\$12,002.60		
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Excavation Activity			
Sewer Tax			
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00		\$25.00
INTEREST - Late Tax	\$3,384.18	\$18,594.88	\$282.47
TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,813,574.61	\$370,529.59	\$3,850.47

**REMITTED TO
TREASURER**

Property Tax	\$5,422,331.33	\$333,830.01	\$2,095.00
Land Use Change	\$4,800.00	\$8,935.71	
Yield	\$14,688.85	\$584.99	
Interest & Costs	\$3,382.20	\$18,568.97	\$282.47
Excavation Tax	\$596.18	\$148.00	
Utility Charge	\$54,216.00	\$7,874.00	
Conversion to Lien			
Other	\$3,385.75		

ABATEMENTS

Property Tax	\$842.00	\$168.00
Land Use Change		
Yield		
Excavation/yard		
Utility Charge		\$394.00
Interest		\$25.91

**UNCOLLECTED TAX
EOY**

Property Tax	\$275,518.27		\$1,448.00
Land Use Change	\$27,130.00		
Yield	\$408.05		
Excavation/yard			
Interest	\$1.98		
Utility Charge	\$6,249.00		
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00		\$25.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,813,574.61	\$370,529.59	\$3,850.47

LEVIES OF	2002	2001	2000	Prior
Unredeemed Liens at Beginning of Year		\$49,477.55	\$30,089.39	\$1,380.25
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$84,544.68			
Interest & Costs	\$379.70	\$3,484.42	\$10,809.87	\$628.58
Insufficient Funds Fee				
TOTAL DEBITS	\$84,924.38	\$52,961.97	\$40,899.26	\$2,008.83
REMITTED TO TREASURER				
Redemptions	\$26,315.43	\$19,637.37	\$29,215.18	\$1,380.25
Interest & Costs	\$379.70	\$3,484.42	\$10,809.87	\$628.58
Insufficient Funds Fee				
Unredeemed Liens at End of Year	\$58,229.25	\$29,840.18	\$874.21	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$84,924.38	\$52,961.97	\$40,899.26	\$2,008.83

Newbury Public Library

The library was busy in 2002 with more patrons, more programs, more materials, and more checkouts than ever before.

The collection. The library's collection grew to 12,005 items, including 762 videos and 483 audiobooks. During the year, the library added 1,162 items, about half of which were donated, the rest new, including 191 children's books, 334 books for grownups, and 53 DVDs. The library received memorial gifts for two major new collections. The first is the Ruth Helling White Travel Collection, given in memory of its namesake, a Newbury summer resident who loved to read and travel. Located in the lobby, this collection includes 85 new travelogues, guide books, road atlases, maps, magazines, CD-ROMs, and videos. To keep the collection current, the White family created a trust fund to allow new material to be added in the future. The other new collection was given in memory of Kathleen Putnam, a Newbury summer resident who enjoyed reading and the library. The 53 new books in this collection are either enduring classics or current books in large print.

Patrons. At year's end, the library had 1,226 registered patrons.

Patron visits and checkouts. The library had 14.5% more patron visits and 19.9% more checkouts than in 2001, which itself had been a record year in both categories.

Patron Visits and Checkouts: 2002 vs. 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Patron Visits	11,782	10,291
Checkouts	14,565	12,150

Programs. The library offered the following programs during 2002:

Reading discussion series. Book discussions were held on the first Monday of the month every month except November. Five discussions centered on books in the *Library of America*, 50 volumes of which were received by grant in 2001. "Literary Talents at the Fells" was a series of four summer discussions. Two other discussions on popular books rounded out the year. Discussion leaders were Liz Tentarelli, Ken Tentarelli, Bruce Marquis, Chuck Kennedy, Nancy Marashio, Joe Cronin, and Maggie Stier.

Tuesday morning cultural programs. The library sponsored a poetry reading by Newbury poet Dianalee Velie in April, a slide show about women climbers in the White Mountains in June, and a program on religious fundamentalism by Chuck Kennedy of Newbury in October.

Summer reading program. "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" was the summer's program for children in grades 1-5. It ran on Wednesday afternoons during July and August with book reading, animal craft activities, and refreshments. Beverly Wolf, Liz Tentarelli, and Jennifer Wilson--all volunteers--conducted the programs.

Preschool story hour. Preschool story hour was held on every Wednesday in 2002 except Christmas. Average attendance was 15 children and 10 adults. Volunteers Julie Allen and Laurie Seaholm read stories and provided related activities.

Computer lessons. Ken Tentarelli, the library's volunteer computer expert, gave free individualized computer and Internet lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc. The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, had 126 paid members for 2002. At the annual meeting in September, the membership re-elected Regina Albro president, Susan Hogan treasurer, and Lee Fleming-Salt secretary. The Friends gave the library U.S. and N.H. flags, a subscription to *The Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News*, an oak conference table and matching chairs for the Sue Webster Room, a glass top for the new table, a plaque for a painting by Judy Rayner, a 2003 version of the *World Book Encyclopedia* in print and on CD-ROM, \$500 for audiobooks, and \$1,000 for videos. The Friends also conducted the library's annual Valentine's Day party, Memorial Day book and bake sale, Fourth of July parade, tea honoring the library's volunteers, and holiday tree lighting.

Volunteers. Volunteers helped with all aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2002 were Regina Albro, Julie Allen, Evelyn Ayer, Dave Barden, Julie Boardman, David Brown, Robert Brown, Ed Candidus, Shelly Candidus, Ashley Clivio-Wentrup, Linda Dietrich, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Lee Fleming-Salt, Marianna Halufska, Diane Heller, Sue Hogan, Lorraine Iacopino, Barbara Kampf,

Chuck Kennedy, Jessica Krummel, Suzanne Levine, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Lucy Marquis, Adrienne Mavragis, Katie Perkins, Laurie Seaholm, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Dianalee Velie, Jennifer Wilson, Beverly Wolf, Dan Wolf, and Elizabeth Wolf. Altogether, volunteers (other than the library trustees) contributed over 635 hours of labor to the library during the year.

Disabled access. The library has ramps and wide doorways to allow wheelchair access. The library staff delivers materials to the homebound upon request.

Visit your library. The library provides free access to computers and the Internet, and offers a wide selection of books, audiobooks, and videos for checkout to Newbury residents and property owners. Many magazines and newspapers are also available in the library's comfortable reading rooms. The library's catalog and information about library events are available at the library's web site (www.newburylibrary.net).

Library Trustees

Beverly Wolf, Chairperson

Shelly Candidus, Secretary

Paula Falkowski, Treasurer

Librarians

Alan Brown

Alice Lynn

Meg Fearnley

Newbury Historical Society

The Society enjoyed two notable successes this year. It cosponsored and financially supported a reenactment of Teddy Roosevelt's visit to Newbury and his friend John Hay one hundred years ago. The other cosponsor was the Friends of the Hay Refuge. This effort was spearheaded by Joe Cronin who addressed the annual meeting the week before with a talk about Roosevelt and his life. A videotape of the event may be viewed at the library.

One of the Society's goals, for some time, has been to improve the storage conditions in the Society's vault in Sherman Hall. A year-long monitoring program showed that the relative humidity stayed above 70% all year. For the best preservation of paper, it should be between 40% and 60% with 50% being optimum. Early this year the Society applied to the National Endowment for the Humanities for a grant of \$3,360 to install and optimize equipment to control the relative humidity. Later in the year the Society was awarded the grant and the equipment was installed in October. By the end of the year, the humidity had been brought within the acceptable range.

The Society held its annual meeting in July at the Center Meeting House. The membership reelected incumbent directors Barbara Steward and Dennis Pavlicek, and elected Joy Nowell as a new director, all for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Joe Cronin who spoke on "Teddy Roosevelt on Lake Sunapee."

Nancy Marashio did not stand for reelection. We will miss Nancy's outstanding contributions during her term of service. Thank you, Nancy.

Our membership now stands at 72, of which 34 are family members and 38 are individual members. Among the individual members, 23 are lifetime members.

The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was at \$3,082.15. Our conservation and preservation fund balance increased to \$1,087.87. We have \$2,250.00 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Our board of director meetings, which are held about every two months, are open to the public. We welcome anyone who wishes to sit in and contribute. Contact a director or officer for dates.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury, which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

William Weiler, President
William Annable, Vice President
Margaret Weiler, Treasurer
Joy Nowell, Secretary

Directors:
Joseph Cronin, Alice Lynn
Tracy Messer, Barbara Steward, Dennis Pavlicek

Transfer Station

The town made some improvements to the facility at the Transfer Station to increase efficiency and the comfort of the operators. Finishing touches were put on the indoor toilet and considerable insulation work was done to keep heat in the building. Insulation was added to the walls and ceiling, and flexible heavy-duty plastic strips were hung in the doorways to keep in the heat. After some persistent problems with the furnace, the unit is now operating properly and has added greatly to the comfort level in the building. Another structural improvement was an extension of the roof over the compactor area to provide shelter for the residents and operators.

The large quantity of waste motor oil turned in at the Transfer Station has stretched our ability to adequately recycle all of this material, and so we have stopped accepting waste oil as of January 1, 2003. Motor oil can be disposed of at Hazardous Waste Day, which will be held in Sunapee next August at a date to be announced. This event will be well publicized.

Last summer the town obtained a quantity of wildflower seeds from the state and provided us with enough to cover the hill adjacent to the compactor. The resulting flowers have added brightness to our landscape and drawn many favorable comments.

A preliminary engineering study was conducted during the fall and early winter to address closing of the old landfill area, as mandated by the state. This would be a major undertaking for the town. Details of the results

of the study and the engineers' recommendations are contained in a warrant article for your consideration at the March meeting.

Newbury residents must have stickers for their vehicles for admittance to the Transfer Station.

Vouchers for disposing of C & D materials, white goods, and tires are available through the town office during regular business hours. Thank you for your cooperation which makes our jobs easier and keeps Newbury litter-free.

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
Will Willis & Sheldon Heselton, Assistants*

Information Booth

Visitors to Newbury are charmed, delighted and very impressed with the beauty of the area and they find being able to enjoy the town beach and gazebo surprising and most welcome. To be able to picnic along the lake at the tables or to sit and enjoy the peace and views from one of our benches is a welcome break in their travels.

The caboose museum is very popular too. In this day and age of everyone standing around with his hand out, Newbury's practice of sharing our town beach, our picnic area, our little museum, and the information booth at no cost to our visitors is a very welcome practice to our visitors.

Jean and I talk to travelers from all over the world. Many of them speak very limited English, but are pleased when they realize that we are happy to offer them assistance. When we provide them with maps, brochures describing area attractions, lodging, places to eat and fun places for children and they find these materials are all free, they are really appreciative.

Our little Information Booth has been the front line for Lake Sunapee for more than a hundred years. It is a nice feeling to be part of the continuity of history. Let's hope there will be another hundred years ahead.

Martha Von Redlich

Parks and Recreation

Parks & Rec had a quiet year in which the popular core programs continued successfully. Our Red Cross swimming lessons and the Summer Concert Series both enjoyed solid local participation and support.

The swimming program ran for two weeks in July. It served levels 1-7 as well as a preschool water introduction program for 3-5 year olds. Thanks to Nicole Wallace, our homegrown swimming instructor, for again providing local youngsters life-enhancing swim lessons. Nicole has managed the program with help from her family for three years and is flexible with parents, tailoring the programs to their specific needs. She has great patience with children and is dedicated to teaching them to swim. We urge parents to give their children swimming lessons as early as possible, while they are eager to learn and open to new experiences. We have budgeted to replace our aging swimming equipment in 2003.

The Summer Concerts again provided great Thursday evening entertainment. Parks & Rec thanks the Police Department for their cooperation and patient management of both the vehicular and pedestrian traffic in Newbury Harbor, and also the selectmen for endorsing the Concert Series. We were lucky on some nights, as our concerts ran while very inclement weather was observable nearby. We did have two rained-out shows and struggled with how best to reschedule them. For the 2003 season, we will initiate a new policy whereby rained-out shows will be automatically rescheduled for

Wednesday night of the following week. We have several audience suggestions for musicians and bands they would like to see perform. These will be taken into consideration as we put together next year's program. We had an open mike session one Sunday afternoon for bands looking for exposure and we will likely repeat this Sunday entertainment next year.

Parks & Rec experienced a severely reduced level of commitment from director Harry Seidel in 2002. Business expansion and other demands reduced the available time and energy I can contribute. I have therefore informed the selectmen of my intention to step down as director in the near future. I intend to continue to serve Parks & Rec to help cultivate a new team and to work on special projects. Meantime, Newbury needs a new Parks & Rec director, someone with fresh ideas and team-building skills. 2003 will offer some new and challenging opportunities for Parks & Rec. I urge residents to join our team and get involved. Please remember, when you do so, you are essentially creating your community. You will have fun and enjoy remarkable satisfaction from your civic efforts, so please – just do it!

Among the challenges and opportunities mentioned above, the Fishersfield land development project may be a major one in 2003. It is tied to a tragedy which occurred far from Newbury, in Florida, but which involves the family of Newbury residents Joe Velie and his mother, Dianalee Velie. On September 6, 2002, Joe's wife, Currie-Hill, her 2-year-old son Joseph Jr. and unborn son, Jack, were murdered in Coconut Grove,

Florida. It is difficult to understand such a troubling and senseless occurrence, and it has resulted in the Velies' wish to "bring light out of tragedy." They have reviewed the Fishersfield Master Plan looking for what might be a fitting memorial to Currie-Hill and her two sons. They loved the outdoors and family memories, short as they are, involve their last summer together in Newbury where they swam, kayaked and enjoyed Lake Sunapee. They envision a nature center, recreation fields and trails at Fishersfield as a fitting memorial and so the family has established the Velie Memorial Fund to raise money for the purpose of developing this site as a tribute to Currie-Hill and her sons. Their hope is that the town will be willing to approve the Fishersfield Master Plan, thus allowing them to continue to raise funds to realize their dream.

At the 2000 town meeting, the town voted to seek Wetlands Bureau approval for the Fishersfield Master Plan only without endorsement of the Master Plan itself. After many delays, the Wetlands approval application was submitted on January 20, 2003. With luck, we will have a decision from Wetlands before town meeting, but in the event that their decision is delayed, Parks & Rec. is offering two warrant articles for your consideration. The first will ask the town to approve the Fishersfield Master Plan, contingent on Wetlands approval. The second will ask the town to place \$40,000 held by the town for development or purchase of recreation land, into a Fishersfield Park Discretionary fund to pay for design and construction of the Fishersfield access road. With the funds in such a location, we would have the

option of using them at the discretion of the selectmen to begin road work. This road work would be the first step towards expediting development of recreation fields and a nature center. With Wetlands approval, we will have a limited window of time to do the work before their approval expires. We urge you to support these warrant articles..

If you want to be part of the team to work on this project to develop a new and exciting town space, unique to Newbury, please call the town office (763-4940) and ask how to join Parks & Rec.

Harry Seidel

The Fells, Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

The Fells continues to thrive as an educational, cultural, and conservation resource within the town of Newbury. Gorgeous weather throughout the summer provided visitors with a memorable experience in the gardens and along the trails, and a full schedule of programs and special events gave the community lots of reasons to visit the estate.

Preservation of the buildings and gardens guided much of our activity this year. With the purchase of a new Kubota tractor, the landscape staff finally gained the equipment they needed to make much of their gardens and grounds work easier. An intern from UNH lived in the cottage and assisted in all aspects of garden rehabilitation and maintenance. New plantings included a carpet of early spring bulbs in memory of founding board member Diane Wheaton, and a selection of native trees and shrubs around the blue-stone paved courtyard at the Gatehouse. The Wheaton Endowment fund for volunteers was established with initial gifts of \$12,000.

The overgrown hedge in front of the Main House was lowered to its historic height, restoring a broader expanse of lawn in front of the perennial border, and removing the “wall” that blocked visual access to the meadow beyond. All agree that this restoration of the connection between the house, lawns and woods’ edge is a vast improvement. The start of the Forest Ecology trail was moved to the meadow, making it easier for people to find the trailhead and adding an open habitat to the

interpretive mix.

Other building improvements at the Main House included upgrades and repairs to the lighting fixtures and electrical outlets, repairs of several water-damaged ceilings, and replacement of a rotted exterior door. The Shop at The Fells was relocated to larger quarters at the Main House, and its hours were extended. At the Gatehouse, offices were moved from the second floor to the sunnier and more spacious living room and former kitchen on the first floor.

The big event of the summer was the re-enactment of President Teddy Roosevelt's visit to The Fells one hundred years ago. A costumed actor portrayed the president, and Newbury resident Dave Barden, as John Hay, welcomed his distinguished guest. It was a sweltering July afternoon, and Roosevelt's visit began with a speech in Newport, then progressed to Newbury Harbor where he was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd and a brass band at the caboose. The entourage boarded an antique boat and, accompanied by the town's fireboat with its siren wailing, traversed the lake to Hay's Landing. TR boarded a horse-drawn carriage and made his final approach to the Main House accompanied by the strains of "Hail to the Chief" played by a second brass band. After his speech to a crowd of about 300 people, the "president" planted a young maple tree not far from the one that the real TR planted in 1902.

Also in July, the US Fish & Wildlife Service announced its intention to work toward divestiture of the Hay Refuge. Our local non-profit organization began to prepare for this eventuality by convening a master plan

committee and working with the Service to plan carefully for the continued preservation and protection of the Hay family property.

In the fall, The Fells presented a scholarly symposium on John Hay called "Poetry, Politics, and Peacefulness at The Fells." Supported by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and Sulloway & Hollis, it brought six distinguished speakers to the site to discuss various aspects of Secretary of State John Hay's distinguished career and his selection of Newbury for a summer retreat.

The Fells continues to build productive partnerships to advance its educational mission. In 2002, we hosted a summer intern from Colby-Sawyer College, and in the fall we began a year-long collaboration with a class of environmental studies majors. They created GPS maps of the site, surveyed the parking lot for possible expansion, and conducted a natural resources inventory. The yearbook photographer for Kearsarge Regional High School did senior portraits on site in the fall. And some of our best publicity came when The Victory Garden filmed and aired a segment on the Fells' renowned Rock Garden.

The year concluded with our first "Christmas at The Fells" event on November 8-9. Over 1200 people toured the 11 rooms of the Main House that were elaborately decorated by a crew of over 50 volunteers. Newbury resident Diana Morris co-chaired this new event, and her ideas and enthusiasm helped make the Teddy Bear theme a big hit with young and old.

Altogether, special events raised about a third of

our operating budget of \$229,000. Membership support increased by more than 10% to 560 members. Capacity attendance at programs and classes such as Artists Weekend, and educational tours and classes helped us close out the year with a balanced budget.

Throughout this year, we have been refining plans for rebuilding the barn that collapsed in 2001, and construction is planned to begin in 2003 using federally appropriated funds. We also received grants to fund reconstruction of the trellis and arbor in the Old Garden, and support from the Wellborn Ecology Fund to study expansion of our environmental education and summer day camp programs.

Thank you to all the Newbury residents who help support The Fells as members and those who also serve as volunteers. Five Newbury residents served on the Board of Trustees in 2002: Fay Barden, Joe Cronin, Susan Mayer, Ron Williams, and Loa Winter. The Fells recognized Joe Cronin in December at the conclusion of his three years as Board Chair, and presented a book in his honor to the Newbury Public Library.

Maggie Stier, Executive Director

Kearsarge Regional School Board

This year has been a mixed one for the Kearsarge District with important progress and major disappointments. One of the most satisfying events was the selection of Kevin Johnson, the principal of New London Elementary, as New Hampshire Elementary Principal of the Year. Congratulations, Kevin!

Superintendent Brennan developed an excellent District Educational Plan which was approved by the Board. This long-term plan identifies all of the important goals of the District together with the strategies to achieve them. Copies are available at the SAU Office. One of the goals speaks to achievement on the NH Educational Improvement and Assessment Tests given at grades 3, 6, and 10. 85% of our students will score basic or above and 50% will score proficient or above by October 2006. These tests are quite demanding and Kearsarge scores in the upper third of all districts in the State, but we can and will do better.

The biggest disappointment was the fact that last year's financial results, which ended in June 2002, had an over-expenditure of \$377,000 which has caused the Board to submit a deficit warrant article for approval by the voters (Article 1 on the Warrant). Although most of the deficit (\$306,000) was caused by uncontrollable items including unanticipated Special Education out-of-district placements, technical problems at the

High School sewage treatment plant, and unanticipated rises in insurance costs, the cost problems also showed failures of management and of the fiscal control procedures. Appropriate disciplinary action has been taken concerning the management failures and the Superintendent is personally reviewing and approving each expenditure until adequate internal control procedures have been implemented. The Board will, in the future, approve all transfers between cost line items, thereby tightening control. The Board has also decided to establish a Finance and Audit Committee consisting of a majority of non-board members with financial backgrounds to provide oversight of the financial control activities.

The deficit has caused a severe cash shortage which has resulted in long delays in payment of vendor invoices. Failure of the voters to approve the deficit article would cause a continuance of this cash shortage and would require that the School Board take draconian steps to reduce expenditures. These measures would likely include the choice to lay off up to eight teachers or to eliminate budgeted funds for sports, enrichment programs and other activities not part of the District's core academic mission.

Because of the financial problems, the Board decided to postpone to next year the bond warrant articles to replace the Middle School and to add a second floor to the High School. Both of these projects are sorely needed because of the

continued growth of enrollment in the District. The Middle School critically needs attention. The building is old and needs major repair. Virtually no room meets state standards and there are numerous ADA and code violations. The theoretical capacity of the building based on state minimum standards is 472 students and we currently have 550 students. Parking and traffic flow are poor and the athletic fields have inadequate space. Because of the age and design of the building and the limitations of the site, we do not believe that refurbishment is cost effective. Moreover, we have no place to put the students during the construction and refurbishment period. We considered building two small middle schools, but concluded after several public hearings that the operating cost difference of running two schools rather than one was not cost effective.. We estimate the added cost of operating two schools versus one centrally located school is \$970,000 per year. Article 2 on the Warrant will provide the funds to purchase the land for the new centrally located Middle School.

I will close this report with a comment which I have made in previous reports. Kearsarge has a good school system but it can only reach its potential with greater participation of parents and citizens. There are many opportunities to participate ranging from running for school board or budget committee, to volunteering in the schools, or just discussing

with teachers and other parties how to improve results for kids. There are few things more important to a community than a good school system. Please be involved.

Dean Bensley, Member from Newbury

Cemetery Trustees

This year saw the culmination of several projects that had been in the planning stage for several years.

Most prominent of all was our Cemetery Celebration Day held on September 7th. The recognition of the gift of land from the Sherman family and the official opening of the cemetery were long overdue. We began planning in April and by mid-June most of the important decisions had been finalized. Much effort and time were spent in choosing an appropriate sign for the new facility. We decided to have a traditional wooden carved sign of the town logo on a white background with green lettering. September 7th was a picture perfect day enjoyed by all and truly appreciated by members of the Sherman family.

Next, we completed the procedure for public access to the cemetery information that we had previously compiled. The listing of all known burials is available in book form at the town office or you may use the computer at the library.

Final restoration work was completed at the Marshall Cemetery in late July. The last section of monuments and two obelisks were straightened and reset. In late September we reseeded and fertilized that entire section. All cemeteries were beautified by necessary pruning of overgrown shrubs and bushes.

In July we presented our six-year plan for capital improvement to the CIP committee of the town. We are projecting, specifically, additional monument cleaning and restoration work beginning in 2003 in South Newbury cemetery.

In June the Selectmen board and the Cemetery Trustees reached an agreement with the property owner to accept a relocation of the right-of-way access road to the Bean Cemetery. We will now enter the cemetery from Stony Brook Road rather than the prior access of Baker Hill Road. Improvements to this new access area are planned in early spring.

A few cremation sites remain in Lakeside. Family lots are available in the Marshall and all sizes are available in the Booth Sherman. Please consider turning in your lot for resale should you move away and find that you no longer want the property. All current deed holders need to inform us of any change of address.

Not surprisingly, the workload of the trustees is increasing dramatically each year. We would urge all plot owners to remove worn and dried up arrangements whenever appropriate.

Lastly, we send many thanks to the wonderful people who supported the Cemetery Celebration Day and to all who helped in any way during the year to make our cemeteries beautiful places for all to enjoy.

Cemetery Trustees:
Mary Bachelder, Chair
William Annable
Doris Morrow

Planning Board

The Planning Board regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month to provide advice on conceptual projects, preliminary subdivision plans, lot line adjustments, property annexations, and site planning. Formal hearings are conducted on final applications dealing with these issues. In addition, the Board provides direction and references in response to numerous inquiries for information. Ever-increasing growth and development pressures have added heavily to the workload and the need for close scrutiny of plans and have intensified our efforts to improve and clarify zoning and development requirements.

In response to property applications this year, the following hearings, meetings, reviews and actions were taken:

- Annexations and Lot Line Adjustments: Three preliminary reviews and four formal hearings were conducted. Three were approved and one was referred to the ZBA and is pending.
- Subdivisions - Major: Six informal reviews and discussions were held, and one formal hearing was conducted and approved. In addition, two follow-up reviews on progress and compliance of previously approved subdivisions were conducted.
- Subdivisions - Minor: Four informal or preliminary reviews and seven formal hearings were conducted. Four were approved, one was referred to the ZBA, and one proposal had two

hearings and is pending legal advice.

- Site Plan Reviews: Two informal/preliminary meetings were held, four reviews of properties in non-conformance with approved site plans and zoning regulations were conducted and are pending, and four formal hearings were held (of which two projects were approved).
- Excavation Permit Renewal: Two hearings were conducted with referral to the ZBA and subsequent approval.

In addition to the above, the Planning Board undertook and/or completed the following:

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Nine work sessions were held to collect data, review requirements with town departments and boards, and project costs and priorities of future capital requirements. One formal meeting of the full Board was held at which time the improvements program was adopted and forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration, planning purposes, and inclusion in warrant articles. Special thanks and appreciation for their efforts and diligence in developing the CIP go to Dennis Pavlicek, Al Bachelder, Gary Budd, Bill Weiler, Richard Wright and Ken Tentarelli.
- Blodgett Landing Overlay District: Under the direction of Barbara Freeman, a special committee including David Thayer, Patricia Sherman, and Gary Daniels collected data, maps and detailed information on property and

buildings in Blodgett Landing. Recognizing the high density of housing in the area, the limits of the sanitary system and existing minimum setbacks, the committee developed an overlay district to address conditions and set guidance on home alterations and expansions to maintain the character of the area and help simplify permitting for homeowners' improvements. The committee met with members of the community, held informational meetings and brought plans, details and drafts to nine Planning Board meetings for consensus and approval. This effort has resulted in the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. This was a major study, requiring many hours of effort by the sub-committee. Special thanks to them for their commitment and the resulting district warrant article.

- Joint Board Meetings: In March, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board and Planning Board was held to address future town requirements and coordination between the boards.

In addition to the above, special reviews, investigations and site inspections were conducted involving proposed subdivisions, Fish & Game's proposed Wild Goose boat launch project, zoning violations, and non-conforming business site plans.

During the Fall and early Winter, the Board held four work sessions to address needed services and respond to citizens and other board and department

concerns and suggestions. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were proposed and drafted to provide clarifications, correlation with other articles in the regulations and to address the special conditions of Blodgett Landing. Also discussed were concerns with potential commercial and concentrated commercial recreational facilities, impact fees assessment for off-site improvements necessitated by proposed development, non-conforming building/lot special exception process for alterations, and the Findings of Fact and General Conditions to be met in granting any Special Exception. Also, an amendment to the Building Permit Fee Schedule in the Building Regulations was drafted.

The Board recommends the proposed amendments and hopes you will approve them. Your observations, concerns and recommendations are welcomed at the Board's meetings in person or by letter, and your participation in hearings and meetings is encouraged. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board, please contact any member of the Board.

The Board members have contributed many hours during the year in the best interests and objectives of the town and their active participation, insight and contributions are much appreciated. Please join me in extending your thanks to this dedicated team:

*Al Bachelder, Gary Budd, Barbara Freeman,
William Weiler, Richard Wright
(ex-officio), and Martha von Redlich (secretary).
Ron Williams, Chairman*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

2002 was another busy year for the ZBA. Nearly half of the cases which came to us were from Blodgett Landing, as has been true for many years. Frustration on the part of property owners has been high because most, if not all, of their properties are non-conforming with virtually impossible restrictions placed on them.

This year, at last, a sub-committee of the Planning Board with input from the Selectmen and the ZBA has drawn up amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which will be more user friendly for the congested areas of the town. We urge all Newbury residents to support the newly created Blodgett Landing Village District.

We also urge support for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer requested by the Selectmen. This individual will ensure that decisions by the Boards are carried out according to the rules and that violations of the Zoning Ordinance do not occur.

The State-mandated Shore Land Protection Act will further protect our lakes and ponds and we expect the NH Fish and Game Department to weigh carefully all the pros and cons of each suggested site on Lake Sunapee before making a final decision on a public boat launch. Traffic safety, water pollution, late night activity, introduction of harmful material, all of these must be considered.

These are all good things, but there was a bad one too. As most of you know, two of our Newbury families on Rte. 103B found themselves fenced in over the summer and were forced to leave their retirement homes because no fuel could be delivered nor could any

other services be provided. This was a low point for the ZBA, which had lifted restrictions placed on one of these families so that they could live here year-round. Following the Board decision, a lawsuit was instituted against the ZBA and up went the fence as well.

Happily the suit has been withdrawn and the Superior Court has been asked to dismiss the case. The fate of the fence and the two families remains to be seen.

Most of the work of the ZBA has been far less traumatic. The following hearings were held and actions taken:

- 9 Special Exceptions, granted as presented
- 3 Special Exceptions, granted with conditions
- 3 Variances, granted as presented
- 1 Variance, granted with conditions
- 1 Variance, hold awaiting DES decision
- 1 Appeal from Administrative Decision, granted
- 1 Appeal from Administrative Decision, denied
- 1 Request for Rehearing, denied
- No court cases pending

This is a very good board. The members visit the sites and read the materials submitted to them well before each hearing. They deliberate carefully to make the right decisions for the good of the whole community as well as for the applicants. We have a great

clerk/secretary and we welcome the new Town Administrator, David Jescavage.

Betsy Soper

UNH Cooperative Extension

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is your local link to practical, research-based education for people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forest, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low-income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. Extension also offers the public an outreach hotline with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769) and it handled a total of 1,198 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Extension staff provide education to forest land owners, food producers and plant growers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving open space and protecting natural resources. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services. Extension also provides assistance to town planners and boards on zoning issues related to marketing from roadside stands, garden centers, pick-your-own

operations, and best management practices for the production of agricultural crops and livestock.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has had an impact on Merrimack County. Extension staff have worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting *Community Profile* process. This past fall a Community Profile was completed in Hooksett. A Community Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then form action groups to reach those goals.

In addition Cooperative Extension provides publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently provides weekly radio spots on WKXL which offer information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at www.ceingo.unh.edu. Follow-up support is available from UNH cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are "agriculture-friendly" and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in New Hampshire and Vermont. Our service area is based on clusters of communities united by a long history of employment, transportation and education connections as well as by other issues of common concern. We serve the towns of the Lake Sunapee area, Sullivan County, and the Upper Valley. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in both regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region with a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2002, we began an update of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan, incorporating and responding to what we have learned from 2002 Census data and the Upper Valley Housing Needs Analysis. Among other activities, we:

- Worked with area organizations and businesses to increase awareness of the serious housing shortage in the Upper Valley, and worked with communities to address the problem.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds

for a variety of projects, including planning for economic development, protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic resources and agricultural land, and building visitor facilities and bike paths.

- Provided guidance to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council on organizational issues; explored a possible new partnership with the North Country Economic Development District for Grafton County communities; continued work on the East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and helped launch the Eastern Vermont Gateway Regional Marketing Organization to support tourism in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Utilized special-purpose grants to develop a plan for Hartford's Route 5 South corridor that balances resource protection and industrial development goals; for Hartland's Three Corners area that improves the safety of the pedestrian and bicycle circulation; and for the areas surrounding Hartland's Interstate 91 interchange to maintain scenic vistas while facilitating appropriate development.

- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including the Sugar River, Cold River, Mascoma River and Lull's Brook.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections that gave 805 households a way to keep approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- Began re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency response; completed hazard mitigation plans in Lebanon and Enfield, and arranged funding to complete six more in the coming year, as well as integrate those in the core Upper Valley communities.
- Participated in the review of several proposed developments with potential regional impacts including the expansion of the Mt. Sunapee ski area, a proposed new boat ramp on Lake Sunapee, the new visitors' center and Vermont Institute for Natural Science museum at Quechee Gorge, and several telecommunications towers in our Connecticut River valley communities.
- Collected traffic data in 20 communities, and mapped new roads in 14 communities to qualify for state aid for maintenance.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding.

- Provided monthly circuit rider services to five communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Held 12 training sessions for local officials on land use regulations, natural resource protection, and the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on many issues, including: improvements for roads and intersections, unmaintained road policies, management of excavations, preservation of historic resources, future school enrollment projections, capital improvement programming and impact fees, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to 21 communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; incorporated 2000 Census information into a new digital regional socioeconomic profile as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming years. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, and from local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or info@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford
Executive Director

Newbury Police Department

Increased traffic and the number of serious thefts and burglaries were the prominent issues for our department in 2002. Over the past year the largest change in service demand has been for investigations and follow-ups. We have made some adjustments in personnel to meet the needs of the community in this area. Officer Glen Drewniak, a full-time officer, has taken on an investigative role and grade assignment to Corporal.

Part-time Officer Al Soucy, retired chief of police from Sunapee, has been assisting with investigations as well. Al Soucy has been a welcomed addition to our force as he brings with him years of experience and knowledge. After three arrests and court referrals we were able to close the books on two burglaries and an arson dating back to November 9, 2000.

Full-time Officer Bradley Wheeler graduated from the academy this past year. Brad did very well at the academy, ranking 9th in a field of 66 graduates. Officer Matt McClay resigned and Officer Phil Blaisdell has taken a leave of absence. We are currently looking to fill these two part-time positions.

In preparing this report I noticed that while there have been ups and downs in some categories over the years, our numbers have been very consistent. One only needs to look around to get a sense of change and growth. For example, when was the last time you tried to pull out onto Rt. 103 especially during a weekend (summer or winter). Construction in the entire area has

also grown. I do not mean to suggest that these are necessarily bad things. After all they both feed the local economy. But, like anything else, both the traffic and construction have had direct impacts on safety services. Motor vehicle crashes are up 20% over last year while enforcement activity increased almost 6%. In the past five years our motor vehicle activity has increased from 1,105 in 1997 to 1,403 in 2002, an increase of 27%. A large amount of our investigation and prevention time during the past year has been dedicated to construction sites.

Our thanks go out to you the citizens and to the board of selectmen for your continued support.

James Valiquet
Henry Thomas
Glen Drewniak
Carolyn Cassady
Brad Wheeler
Neill Cobb
Dave Seastrand
Alan Soucy
Deborah Lacombe

Newbury Police Department

	2001	2002
Homicide	0	0
Rape (Agg. Felonious Sexual Assault)	0	0
Sexual Assault	1	3
Assault, Aggravated	0	1
Simple Assault	1	4
Arson	0	0
Burglary	5	9
Attempted Suicide	1	2
Thefts	81	77
Shoplifting	0	2
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0	0
Forgery	0	0
Fraud	17	14
Recovered Stolen Property	0	0
Criminal Mischief	13	26
Discharge of Firearms	1	0
Illegal Possession of Firearm	0	0
Sexual Offenses	1	0
Drug Offenses	12	8
Family Offenses	7	9
Neglect	1	1
Driving While Intoxicated	8	9
Liquor Violations	1	2

Newbury Police Department

	2001	2002
Public Intoxication/safekeeping	1	3
Disorderly Conduct	3	4
False Public Alarm	0	0
Disturbance Fight	0	0
Domestic Dispute	6	5
Violation of Protective Order	3	0
Harrassment By Phone	9	8
Noise Complaints	11	18
Unwanted Guest	1	0
Breach of the Peace	0	0
Fireworks Complaints	2	1
Resisting Arrest	2	1
Criminal Threatening	3	4
TOTAL	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>
Other Offenses (Non-Traffic)	5	0
OHRV Complaints	0	0
Paper Service	17	16
Trespassing	7	3
Warrant Service	2	6
Restraining Orders	6	4
Violation of Town Ordinance	10	13
Littering	9	8
TOTAL	<u>56</u>	<u>50</u>

Newbury Police Department

	2001	2002
Juvenile Offenses		
Truancy	0	0
Incorrigible	0	0
Runaway	3	8
Other (Delinquency)	0	0
TOTAL	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
Miscellaneous Traffic Complaints		
Abandoned Motor Vehicles	27	5
Traffic Hazard	6	13
Parking Offenses	11	33
Motor Vehicle Lockout	7	0
All Other	6	7
TOTAL	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>
Miscellaneous Calls		
Found Property	21	20
Hazard Non-Motor Vehicle	7	20
Lost Property	19	14
Lost or Stolen Plates	4	2
Missing Person (adult)	2	1
Missing Person (juvenile)	1	4
Probation/Parole Violation	0	1
Register Sex Offender	1	1
Police Information	97	102

Newbury Police Department

	2001	2002
Safekeeping	0	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	69	55
Other Miscellaneous Calls	23	27
Accidents Non-Motor Vehicle	0	0
TOTAL	<u>244</u>	<u>247</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents		
Personal Injury	14	9
Property Damage Only	39	54
Hit and Run	1	1
TOTAL	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>
Motor Vehicle Violations		
Summonses	200	209
Written Warnings	1021	1088
Motor Vehicle Checks	41	26
Complaints	35	38
Felony Arrest	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	0
Operating After Suspension	3	8
Operating without License/2nd	0	0
Other Violations	4	0
Defective Equipment Tags	10	34
TOTAL	<u>1316</u>	<u>1403</u>

Newbury Police Department

	2001	2002
Assists		
Emergency Medical	8	9
Fire	43	74
Other Police Agency	151	121
Public	146	143
Town Office	3	6
Public Works	2	1
TOTAL	<u>353</u>	<u>354</u>
Service		
Vacant House Check, request	53	67
Vacant House Check	88	91
Business Checks	415	1014
Public Building Check	406	737
Unsecured Building	1	3
Pistol Permits	22	19
Brady Bill Checks	0	0
Lockouts	4	0
Escorts	0	1
Emergency Message	0	0
VIN Verification	11	17
Misc.	26	22
TOTAL	<u>1026</u>	<u>1971</u>

Newbury Police Department

	2001	2002
Animal Complaints		
Dog Ordinance Violations	17	24
Dog Bite	4	4
All Other (dog)	77	49
Complaints (other than dogs)	30	18
TOTAL	<u>128</u>	<u>95</u>
Alarms		
Commercial	30	39
Public Building	0	4
Residential	88	103
911 Responses	38	29
TOTAL	<u>156</u>	<u>175</u>
Community Contacts	0	0
Untimely Death	4	1
Directed Patrol	11	5
Welfare Check	10	11
TOTAL	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>

Newbury Fire Department

Our calls were down 12% from 2001. These are detailed below.

This year through donations we have purchased Gear Racks which have been installed on the walls in the bays. We also purchased uniform pants, shirts and ties. The members will wear the uniforms at functions to distinguish our department members from other departments.

I would like to thank the community for their support through donations and their attendance at our fund-raising events.

Driving through Newbury, I have noticed numerous homes without their street numbers posted or even some homes with the wrong number. You can pick up a copy of the Town Ordinance on street numbering at the Town Hall.

Again, I want to thank my officers and members for the time they spend to make the department work.

Henry Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief

Department Officers:

Assistant Chief

Captain

Lieutenants

Clerk

David Smith

Kevin Walker

Ken Burnell, Ed Thorson,

Colin Nelson, Pam

Drewniak

Ken Holmes

Treasurer	Robin Parkhurst
Communications	David Kinsman
Prevention	George Mellen
Medical	Pam Drewniak
Standing Committee	John Croteau, Jen Smith, Mike Meninno

Department Calls 2002

Auto Accident	16
Boat Rescue	0
Falls/Trauma	12
Mutual Aid	6
Chimney Fires	3
Fuel Spill	2
Cardiac Problems	7
Smoke/Odor Problems	9
False Alarm	13
Respiratory Problem	6
Vehicle Fire	3
In-House Medical	17
Brush Fire	1
Structure Fire	4
Natural Death	0
Search & Rescue	0
Wires Down	5
Service Call	1
Total	105

Bradford Rescue Squad

The Bradford Rescue Squad, an all-volunteer service that does not charge patients for service, responded to 155 'tone-outs' in 2002. We have 14 active members taking calls in Bradford and parts of Newbury, Sutton and Warner.

The resident and nonresident taxpayers of Bradford very generously responded to our fundraising letter sent late December, 2002. As of press time for this report we have received more than \$6,500, which we will use toward our operating budget.

We watch our expenses carefully because the time is approaching when we will have to purchase a new ambulance and through careful fiscal management we are putting money away to help with that expense.

What we need the most is a steady influx of new members. The only way we can keep going effectively is with new members in the pipeline, training and gaining experience to be ready when other members leave. Yes, it's a commitment of time, but it's hugely gratifying to serve the community in this way, and you'll have medical knowledge that will come in handy for you and your family for life. If you have any questions or interest in joining, please talk to us.

Jim Powell, Captain

Forest Fire Warden

2002 was a good year for the town of Newbury in regards to forest fire safety. We had very few minor incidents within our town. We did have three extended dry periods when the issuing of permits was stopped for a few weeks at a time. We did still write a record number of permits both day and seasonal. I only had a couple of complaints involving non-permit fires which was good. Usually, these are a much bigger headache.

New for 2003, no incinerator- type burn permits are allowed under state law effective January 1, 2003. I have not had any requests for these permits in the last four or five years anyway. All seasonal campfire permits must be renewed each year before use, once the snow is gone. If it's just a matter of using the same site then contact me to arrange to get your permit. If it is a new site or first time permit, then I will need to inspect the site before issuing a permit.

While we have snow cover, get out and burn up your brush piles. Now you can burn at your leisure. In the middle of summer, it is up to the whims of Mother Nature to dictate when you might be able to burn. When you do need a permit, try to plan ahead a few days and call ahead for a permit. I can always issue one a couple of days ahead, rain pending. When a permit is issued for use during rain a 10-minute shower doesn't let you burn for 4 hours. If it stops raining, you must put out the fire. I define raining as if you're driving and need your wipers.

Thank you to the Deputy Warden, the Newbury

Fire and Police departments, and New London dispatch for their help and concern for this town. Also, thanks to my wife, Jennifer, for handling many phone calls and writing permits in my absence.

Dave Smith, Newbury Warden

State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in the state of New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground at the site and surrounding area is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law (RSA 227-L:17) are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus the cost of fire suppression.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or (603) 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.

2002 Fire Statistics
(reported through November 10, 2002)

Fires Reported by County

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Stratford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

Causes of Fires Reported

Misc.*	356
Illegal	7
Smoking	32
Children	32
Campfires	31
Rekindle of Permit	3
Arson	43
Lightning	36

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger

Building Inspector's Report

2002 was another good year for local people in the building trades with a record number of permits issued (116). As in the past years, the permits were for a host of projects:

33 Houses/Dwellings
20 Additions
13 Decks
12 Sheds
13 Garages
7 Porches

6 Barns
2 Pools
1 Golf Pro Shop
1 Golf Club House
1 Mountain Edge
Condominium

The majority of the tradesmen have been enjoyable to work with. Keep up the good work! Have a prosperous and healthy 2003.

Del Harris
Building Inspector

Emergency Management

In December the Board of Selectmen appointed me Emergency Management Director, replacing Phil Blaisdell who moved out of town. In the short time since my appointment I have attended several seminars/training sessions to get up to speed as quickly as possible.

Since September 11, 2001, the State and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) have devoted much of their time and effort to strengthening the emergency management system. The areas of organization, communications, training and equipment have been reviewed and improved to insure we are properly prepared to respond to any emergency situation.

Plans for smallpox vaccinations have received widespread public attention. The plans call for a small group of public health workers, hospital workers and emergency response personnel to get the vaccination first. Plans to vaccinate the general public, in the event of attack, are being finalized. The details will be disseminated through the State when the plan is completed.

Jim Powell

Emergency Management Director

Town Warrant
The State of New Hampshire
2003

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO
7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the
County of Merrimack in said state qualified to
vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town
Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the
eleventh (11) day of March, next at One of the
clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following
subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the
ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to existing zoning
ordinances.

The town shall recess the business portion of the
meeting until Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at
7:00 p.m. at the White Star Function Hall on
Route 103 in South Newbury.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of \$370,000 for the
construction of the landfill closure, and to

authorize the issuance of not more than \$370,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required.)
(Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,011,795 for general operations:

	2002	2003
1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE	\$114,744	\$119,842
2. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	5,625	6,200
3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	78,236	87,561
4. LEGAL EXPENSE	15,000	18,000
5. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	185,050	206,921
6. PLANNING	17,000	18,300
7. ZONING	3,250	4,050
8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
BUILDINGS	25,650	28,402
9. CEMETERIES	16,880	19,092
10. INSURANCE	32,500	35,230
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	3,484	3,484
12. TOWN REPORTS	4,000	2000
13. POLICE DEPARTMENT	252,738	241,492
14. FIRE DEPARTMENT	58,440	59,434
15. FOREST FIRES	600	600
16. BUILDING INSPECTION	3,974	5800
17. OFFICE OF EMER. MGMT.	100	100
18. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	332,466	374,951
19. HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION	232,500	237,125

20. STREET LIGHTING	14,500	14,500
21. TRANSFER STATION	182,383	184,330
22. HEALTH AGENCIES, CAP	8,983	9,185
23. WELFARE	13,260	14,010
24. INFORMATION BOOTH	3,890	4,090
25. PARKS & RECREATION	25,673	28,400
26. LIBRARY	52,898	58,288
27. CONSERVATION COMMISSION	625	625
28. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	250	250
29. INTEREST -		
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	500	500
30. SEWER DEPARTMENT	79,140	101,400
31. BOND/NOTE		
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	39,675	39,675
32. AMBULANCE DEDUCTIBLES	1,000	1,000
33. SAFETY COMMUNICATION		
SERVICES	22,950	27,413
34. CAPITAL OUTLAY	59,703	59,545
TOTAL	\$1,887,667	\$2,011,795

5. To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,500 to be placed in the following existing capital reserve funds.
(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$20,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	60,000
POLICE CRUISER	15,000
AMBULANCE	3000
RECREATION FACILITY	500
REVALUATION	30,000

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19 - a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$4,500
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	7,500
TOWN BUILDINGS	5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	500

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the town's building, planning and zoning regulations and to serve at the direction of the Board of Selectmen or its designee, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,800 to pay for the salary, operating expenses, and mileage reimbursement for the position. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
9. To see if the town will vote to establish the position of Land Use Board Assistant to assist the town's land use boards with clerical work, record

keeping, processing applications, posting and mailing notices, and other appropriate tasks and to serve at the direction of the Board of Selectmen or its designee, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to pay for the salary and operating expenses for the position. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to pay for an architectural feasibility study to determine the space needs and possible expansion of the current Town Office building. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,210 for the purchase of a new Caterpillar 430K Loader/Backhoe with the amount to be funded with a \$19,000 credit for the trade-in value of the current 1993 loader/backhoe and the balance of \$97,210 to be funded from the Highway Capital Reserve fund and to authorize the withdrawal of \$97,210 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
12. To see if the town will vote to approve the Fishersfield Master Plan, as presented, for the 92-acre parcel of town-owned land abutting Old Post Road contingent upon approval of the State Wetlands Application by the N.H. Department of

Environmental Services.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500 to pay for the engineering and construction of an access road into the Fishersfield property and to authorize the withdrawal of \$39,500 from the Recreational Facility Capital Reserve Fund with said monies to be placed in a Fishersfield Park Discretionary Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend these monies at their discretion.
(Recommended by the Selectmen.)
14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,015.94 to pay off the balance due on the Fishersfield property abutting Old Post Road with \$16,316.82 to be paid out of line item #01-4901-250 of the 2003 budget and the balance of \$49,699.12 to be paid by the appropriation of this warrant article.
(Recommended by the Selectmen.)
15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of a three-acre parcel of land abutting South Road for use by the town's highway department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the property owner for the purchase of the land. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

16. To see if the town will vote to designate Old Post Road as a scenic road as provided under RSA 231, sections 157 and 158. (By petition.)
17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Kearsarge Area Preschool, which would reinstate funding formerly provided to this program under the name of Bradford- Newbury Kindergarten and Pre-school. (By petition.)
18. To see if the town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Newbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years:	\$30,000
for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years:	\$45,000
for a person 80 years of age or older:	\$60,000

To qualify, a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$22,900, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the

19. To see if the town will vote to adopt an exemption for the disabled from the property tax in the Town of Newbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: \$30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$22,900, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
20. To see if the Town will vote in favor of the following question: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a service - connected total disability? The optional disability tax credit is \$1,400 rather than \$700. (By petition.)
21. To see if the town will vote in favor of the following question: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veterans' tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit? The optional tax credit is \$100 rather than \$50. (By petition.)
22. To transact any other business that may legally

tax credit is \$100 rather than \$50. (By petition.)

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James M. Powell, Chairman

David Kinsman

Richard Wright

Budget For The Town of Newbury, N.H. **Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue** **for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003**

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	114,744	116,369.96	140,842.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	5,625.00	6,900.16	6,200.00
Financial Administration	78,236.00	71,675.20	87,561.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00	5,737.00	18,000.00
Personnel Administration	185,050.00	197,996.89	206,921.00
Planning & Zoning	20,250.00	22,592.50	22,350.00
General Government Building	25,650.00	17,006.62	28,402.00
Cemeteries	16,880.00	16,660.95	19,092.00
Insurance	32,500.00	29,211.39	35,230.00
Advertising and			
Regional Associations	3,484.00	3,281.52	3,484.00
Other General Government	4,000.00	4,455.64	2,000.00
Public Safety			
Police Department	252,738.00	241,835.21	241,492.00
Ambulance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Department	59,040.00	56,359.22	60,034.00
Building Inspection	3,974.00	4,182.42	31,600.00

Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	100.00
Other Public Safety			
(including Communications)	22,950.00	20,374.00	27,413.00
Highways and Streets			
Administration	564,966.00	566,940.16	612,076.00
Street Lighting	14,500.00	12,288.10	14,500.00
Sanitation			
Administration	70,883.00	72,091.22	67,085.00
Solid Waste Disposal	107,500.00	105,364.73	108,045.00
Solid Waste Recycling	4,000.00	1,094.77	9,200.00
Health			
Health Agencies			
and Hospitals	8,983.00	8,983.00	9,185.00
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	13,260.00	13,344.02	14,010.00

Purpose of Appropriation RSA32:3v	Appropriations Prior		Actual Expenditures		Appropriations Ensuing	
	Fiscal Year		Prior Year		Fiscal Year	
Culture and Recreation						
Parks and Recreation	25,673.00		26,042.46		28,400.00	
Library	52,898.00		52,362.40		58,288.00	
Other Culture and Recreation	4,140.00		4,025.31		4,340.00	
Conservation						
Purchases of Natural Resources	625.00		200.00		625.00	
Debt Service						
Principal, Long-Term						
Bonds and Notes	30,000.00		30,000.00		30,000.00	
Interest, Long-Term						
Bonds and Notes	9,675.00		9,675.00		9,675.00	
Interest on TAN	500.00		0.00		500.00	
Capital Outlay						
Land & Improvements	16,317.00		16,316.82		126,016.94	
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	41,916.00		41,829.00		134,837.05	
Buildings	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Improvements	0.00		11,504.80		25,000.00	
Operating Transfers Out						
To Special Revenue Fund	79,140.00		102,207.00		101,400.00	
To Capital Reserve Fund	134,000.00		134,000.00		128,500.00	
To Expendable Trust Funds	12,000.00		12,000.00		17,500.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,032,197.00		2,034,907.47		2,430,903.99	

Source of Revenue

	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	30,000.00	31,930.00	30,000.00
Yield Taxes	32,000.00	15,274.00	16,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	14,462.00	14,500.00
Other Taxes	12,500.00	9,696.00	10,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000.00	39,489.00	40,000.00
Excavation Activity Tax	10,000.00	744.00	10,000.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses and Permits	8,000.00	1,037.00	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	320,000.00	345,439.00	345,000.00
Building Permits	10,000.00	10,401.00	12,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,000.00	2,087.00	2,200.00

Purpose of Appropriation RSA32:3,v	Estimated Revenue		Actual Revenue		Estimated Revenue
	Prior Year		Prior Year		Ensuing Fiscal Year
From State					
Shared Revenue	12,000.00		12,074.00		12,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	48,000.00		51,557.00		50,000.00
Highway Block Grant	82,369.00		83,387.00		86,804.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,400.00		1,473.00		1,500.00
Other	0.00		0.00		0.00
From Other Governments	0.00		0.00		0.00
Charges For Services					
Income from Departments	30,000.00		160,007.00		120,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues					
Sale of Municipal Property	20,000.00		3,600.00		21,500.00
Interest on Investments	60,000.00		22,825.00		25,000.00
Other	15,000.00		1,706.00		2,500.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
Special Revenue Funds	79,040.00		61,476.62		101,400.00
Capital Reserve Fund	23,288.00		101,066.00		97,210.00
Cemetery	3,200.00		3,320.00		3,200.00
Other Financing Sources					
Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0.00		0.00		
"Surplus"	50,000.00		0.00		40,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	913,797.00		973,050.62		1,042,314.00

Summary Inventory of Valuation

2002 Assessed Valuation

Value of Land Only:

	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,564	\$514,650.00	
Residential	7,207	\$132,878,216.00	
Commercial/Industrial	1,025	\$4,120,850.00	
Total of Taxable Land	18,796		\$137,513,716.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$6,113,442)	2,814		

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$121,584,150.00	
Commercial/Industrial	\$8,361,650.00	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$129,945,800.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$2,181,200)		
Public Utilities		
Electric		\$2,042,106.00

Valuation Before Exemptions			
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)	\$0.00		\$269,501,622.00
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 4)	\$160,000.00		
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$160,000.00
Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed			\$269,341,622.00
Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
State & Federal Forest Land Recre- ation and/or Flood Control Land Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)	\$1,476.00 \$14,462.00		
Tax Credit			
	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and widows of veterans	\$700.00	4	\$2,800.00
Other war service credits	\$50.00	95	\$4,750.00
Total number of amount		99	\$7,550.00



Creativity In The Garden

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The Hay Estate



Here Comes The Sun

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Water Can In The Garden

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Garden Scene At The Hay Estate

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Beautiful Newbury



Gazebo At Newbury Harbor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

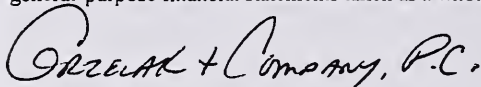
We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.



GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

March 27, 2002

Highway Department

2002 saw the completion of reclaiming and resurfacing the last 2.1 miles of Chalk Pond Road. Also, all roads in Blodgett Landing not previously resurfaced were leveled and resurfaced and new culverts were installed. As part of this road project, many of the sewer manholes were rebuilt. Morse Hill Road was reclaimed and many of the culverts were replaced. Our crack sealing program is ongoing and seems to be working out very well.

Through a grant from the state, the Highway Department made major drainage improvements in the Sunapee Hills subdivision. All the storm water from Sky Top Road area was rerouted to prevent it from going directly into Chalk Pond by sending it through several settlement pools and a level spreader, into Blodgett Brook, thus greatly reducing the amount of sediment and phosphorus going into the pond.

This winter has been a busy one with our first storm on October 16th, and almost non-stop snow and cold since – just like the Old Farmers' Almanac predicted!

This year the Highway Department is asking your support in approving a warrant article to replace the backhoe which is showing its age from constant digging through rock and very tough soil conditions.

As always, I would like to thank the Highway Department staff for their dedication and hard work, and the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments

and Town Office personnel for their assistance and especially the town residents for their continued support.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator

Blodgett Sewer Treatment Facility

The Blodgett Landing treatment plant continues to operate effectively despite its age and maximum capacity. It is monitored on a daily basis, and during 2002, we have continued frequent testing of the wells to make sure levels meet state specifications.

During 2002, we enlarged the old garage and turned it into a lab/office where test materials and documentation can be analyzed and stored. I would like to extend thanks to the Highway Department for making a good start on repairing manholes in the area when they did road resurfacing last summer. We will continue working on the manholes next year, and maintaining them helps the sewer system run more efficiently.

We also worked on relining the filter beds last year, and again thank the Highway Department for their assistance.

The new tractor which we purchased in 2002 has been a great addition and is helping with raking beds, snow removal, etc.

A major project for 2003 will be modifying the Imhoff tank and upgrading it for improved operation. We are hoping the town will support this important project.

Thanks for your continued support.

Tim Mulder, Chief Operator

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has the opportunity on a daily basis to make a real difference in our community and to provide services that are significant. We try to strengthen your ability to achieve what is valuable to you through our highly skilled clinical services, the caring touch of our staff and volunteers, through our technology, our health education, and our support programs.

We know that home care keeps families together and there is no more important social value. We know that home care helps preserve the independence of the elderly and prevents or postpones institutionalization. Home care promotes healing, provides support and symptom management for the dying, and allows acutely and chronically ill children to be at home, and sometimes even to continue to attend school.

During the past year all of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA worked to ensure that we carried out our mission to collaborate with physicians and others to provide needed home health and hospice services that preserve dignity and independence; and to sponsor a work environment of excellence for our employees.

Medicare and private insurance companies continue to focus on decreasing costs to control government spending and to keep premiums affordable. This is a difficult task that puts additional burdens on health-care providers daily. We also face increasing staff shortages, especially in nursing. In order to deal with

this reality, Lake Sunapee Region VNA continued to invest in technology that allows us to become more efficient. Technology investments ranged from monitoring units in the home, to personal emergency response units, to laptop technology for the staff that makes documenting care and complying with regulations more efficient. We also invested in training our staff to ensure that they have the most up-to-date skills and competencies to meet the ever-changing demands in the home. Finally, we partnered with other organizations to develop new models of care such as our *Bringing Children Home* project. This initiative links five home-care agencies with other providers to develop systems and skills that will allow us to care for very sick children and keep them at home with their families as much as possible. One father stated, “Your services allowed us to be a family again.”

We hope that if you or someone you know received care during the past year from Lake Sunapee Region VNA that it was a service that had value to you and your family. Following is a list of a few of the community benefit services we provided for residents in your community:

- Caregiver Training programs
- Adult and Children’s Bereavement Support
- Health Education programs
- Parent-Child Support Group
- Administration of the LifeLine program
- Daily monitoring of acutely and chronically ill patients through telemedicine
- Mentoring of student nurses, licensed nursing assistants and therapists

- Medications for low-income children
- Site for Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Meeting space for outside groups
- File of Life kits and emergency preparedness teaching for each patient
- Hospice Volunteer Training

During the past year 303 residents of Newbury utilized our services. Adults and children needing home-care and hospice services received 685 visits. In addition, people needing long-term assistance received 2,485 hours of care. LifeLine monitoring was provided for 5 people, and 8 residents used our HomMed vital sign monitoring program. We are grateful for the loyal support of our towns, individual and business donors. You make it possible for us to continue our mission in this community.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

New London Hospital

To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends:

New London Hospital met many challenges in 2002. Facing a significant deficit from operations and a change in management leadership, the Board of Trustees charged an interim management team from Helms & Company to stabilize the financial operations, review all the services provided by the hospital, recruit more primary care physicians, and determine the most effective partnership for the sustainability of our community hospital.

The end of 2002 brought many important developments for New London Hospital. While the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2002 resulted in a loss from operations, the next three months saw significant improvements in cost containment. Hospital Days brought thousands of residents and visitors to the New London Town Green over three days, and raised over \$40,000 to support the hospital child care center that also serves community members. The hospital has applied for Critical Access Hospital designation that could bring improved reimbursement for all hospital Medicare services. The Board of Trustees entered into discussions for a relationship with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and formally disaffiliated from Capital Regional Health Care. A new primary care physician established her practice in New London. Attendance at Hospital Town Hall Meetings in August

and October reflected the deep interest and commitment of the residents in the future of New London Hospital.

As New London Hospital enters its 86th year, we are very aware of its importance as a health resource to the community and we are committed to sustaining this resource. The hospital Board of Trustees, management and staff face many challenges in 2003 and strongly believe that we have taken some decisive actions already to ensure that New London Hospital will continue to provide quality patient care for years to come.

Jeffrey G. White, FACHE, Interim President and CEO
Douglas O'Mara, MD, Medical Staff President
G. William Helm, Jr., Chairman of the Board

Community Benefits Summary

New London Hospital, in compliance with the State of New Hampshire Community Benefits Law, filed the following documents with the Attorney General's office on 12/31/2002, and they are available for public viewing and comment.

- Executive Summary
- Community Benefits Plan Reporting Form
- New London Hospital Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2003 (10/1/2002-9/30/2003)
- Community Benefit Activities Undertaken by New London Hospital in Fiscal Year 2002 (10/1/2001-9/30/2002)
- Community Needs Assessment

Public input is an integral part of the entire assessment and planning process, and New London Hospital has worked very closely with community members and organizations to make that happen. These are not static documents, but working plans to be used by the hospital and our communities in the months ahead. Therefore, public input is encouraged at any time during the year.

Comments or requests for copies of any of these documents should be directed to Bona Hayes in the Office of Development and Community Affairs at 603.526.5270 or bona.hayes@nlh.crhc.org. Three of the documents--the Executive Summary, Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2003 and the Community Benefit Activities Undertaken in Fiscal Year 2002--can be viewed on the hospital's web site at www.newlondonhospital.org.

Category/Description	Unreimbursed Cost FY2002	Estimated Cost FY2003
Charity Care Health care services to individuals who cannot afford to pay.	\$255,778	\$275,000
Community Services Classes, education for K-12 students, health fairs, lectures, screenings, support groups, women's health programs, paramedic intercept program, etc.	\$30,319	\$32,000

Medical Education	\$55,480	\$82,500
Continuing education, financial assistance for individuals to advance in the health care field, internships for college and vo-tech students.		
Subsidized Health Services	\$2,314,534	\$1,825,000
Services needed by the community, which operate at a loss, such as ABC's day care, ambulance and primary care.		
Cash/In-kind	\$85,888	\$88,000
Ambulance coverage at community events, coordination of ARCH and needs assessment process, support of school-based health center, role in disaster preparedness, support of Rock Dental Clinic, Smoke Free Coalition, etc.		
Total	\$2,741,999	\$2,302,500

Community Action Program Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2002

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
CONGREGATE MEALS: All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value \$6.98 per meal	183 Meals	60 Persons	\$1,277.34
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES: Provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$3.00 per meal.	310 Meals	25 Persons	\$930.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE: Available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2001-02 program was \$607.00.	15 Applications	34 Persons	\$10,364.85

TRANSPORTATION: Provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack Counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers and congregate meal sites. Value \$5.42 per ridership.	34 Rides	2 Persons	\$184.28
MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value \$6.99 per meal.	1145 Meals	5 Persons	\$8,003.55
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN: Provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$45.00 per unit.	147 Vouchers	12 Persons	\$6,615.00
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR: Provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.	1 Grant	N/A	\$59.90

Family Services

In 2002, the Town of Newbury provided assistance to seven families.

Again this year, community support has been overwhelming for those less fortunate. The Town of Newbury, with assistance from two local churches, the South Newbury Union Church and the Healing Springs Church, was able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for 10 local families. Each year, the people of these two churches work diligently in organizing and assembling the baskets. The town extends gratitude to all those involved. A special thank you goes to the townspeople who donated towards the goods to supplement those baskets.

Thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, gift certificates were given to families with children, enabling them to purchase gifts and brighten Christmas Day for their youngsters.

If anyone has concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office. I look forward to another year of continued community support.

Gail Bostic
Family Services Director

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 (and adults who through disability may need assistance) thus enhancing the quality of their lives. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. With the exception of day and overnight trips, COA charges no program or activity fees and provides free membership to all who are eligible. As of December 2002, KCOA had approximately 1,600 members.

The past year has been an important one in KCOA's history. On September 14, KCOA celebrated its 10th birthday with a party on New London green attended by more than 200. What was started in a small office in August 1992 by founders Phebe Downey, Julie Farnham and few dedicated volunteers had at the end of its first decade become a thriving organization with 300 volunteers managing more than 30 distinct programs and services that help our area seniors remain independent and contributing members of the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Area Community.

Our programs continue to grow in number and attendance. The Computer Workshop remains active year round, making constant use of the 8 new Dell computers so generously donated this past summer. Memoir Writing courses and book discussion groups are fully subscribed. The Outdoor Recreation for Seniors (ORFS) program with 70 participants continues to meet

weekly for hikes, canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing and, best of all, the enjoyment of each other's company. The weekly get-togethers for duplicate and contract bridge, scrabble, cribbage and other games as well as the crafts and indoor exercise programs are all well attended.

During 2002, KCOA's volunteer drivers provided more than 40,000 miles of free door-to-door rides. All of these trips were important in enhancing some senior's life. But it should be noted that many were critical. The KCOA volunteer drivers were in many cases the only means that some of our members had to get to Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord Hospital's dialysis, radiation, chemotherapy and other vital treatments. KCOA is very proud of its volunteer drivers and believes the regional community owes them a vote of thanks.

On the occasion of its 10th birthday, KCOA announced that it had acquired the right to purchase the 4,800 sq. ft. office building at 5 North Pleasant Street in New London. By obtaining the right to buy this property, KCOA ended a two-year search for a new KCOA center. In November 2002, KCOA started the first phase of a \$1,000,000 Building Fund Campaign through which the council hopes to purchase the building and establish a fund for its future maintenance. Early indications are that the campaign has an excellent chance of success. The move to these new quarters, planned for the second half of 2003, will allow KCOA to continue to fulfill its mission of enriching the lives of area seniors for many years to come.

KCOA appreciated very much the annual grants by which each town administration supports the work of

the council. KCOA also would like to acknowledge all of the individuals, businesses, civic organizations and foundations that respond so generously to KCOA's annual appeal for operating funds. KCOA considers it a privilege to serve all of our communities and thanks all of you for the generosity that allows us to carry on our work.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Zanes, Chairman*

Conservation Commission

This year was a rather quiet one for the Conservation Commission. We sponsored a Hazardous Waste Day collection in August, and an Earth Day clean-up in the spring. The timber harvesting notice was updated to educate landowners and loggers on Newbury's tree cutting regulations.

Peter Newbern did not stand for reappointment to the commission. We thank him for his many years of excellent service. Suzanne Levine was appointed in his place.

During the year the commission reviewed seventeen Intent-to-Cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for eight projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction including three for dock repairs.

The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Office Building. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion or offer new suggestions. There are openings for alternate members for those who would like to take on a more sustained participation.

William Weiler, Chair

Town Meeting - March 12, 2002

Moderator Marashio called the March 12, 2002 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and found to be empty. Voting on Article 1 and Article 2 began in ballot form.

Business Meeting - March 13, 2002

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures.

Prior to beginning the business portion of the meeting, Moderator Marashio read a letter of resignation from Doris Diekmann as Ballot Clerk and commended Mrs. Diekmann for her years of dedicated service to the town.

Selectman Powell acknowledged the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the changes that have occurred as a result. He also recognized the loss the Town of Newbury will feel as a result of the death of Jim Drewniak. In honor of the losses, all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag followed by a moment of silence.

The Board of Selectmen presented Debra Sias, former Town Treasurer, with a proclamation and personalized clock as a thank you for her years of service.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 12, 2002 election:

Office of Selectman - 3 Years

Tanya D. McIntire - 111
James M. Powell - 226

Moderator - 2 Years
Nancy Marashio - 333

Treasurer - 3 Years
Jennifer Goin - 319

Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 Years
Daniel H. Wolf - 318

Library Trustee - 3 Years
Beverly R. Wolf - 325

Cemetery Trustee - 2 Years
Doris Morrow - 322

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years
William P. Annable - 324

Planning Board - 3 Years
Barbara Freeman - 282
William M. Weiler - 233

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years
Charles L. Killam, III - 263
Elizabeth (Betsy) Soper - 276

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 1
Yes - 250 No - 105

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 2

Yes - 299 No - 55

Board of Selectmen's Zoning Amendment No. 1

Yes - 151 No - 197

Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot - Newbury
Results

Article 1

Yes - 226 No - 103

Article 2

Yes - 264 No - 96

Article 3

Yes - 240 No - 114

Article 4

Yes - 247 No - 99

Article 5

Yes - 179 No - 159

Article 6

Yes - 231 No - 126

Article 7

Yes - 228 No - 124

Article 8

Yes - 280 No - 76

Article 9
Yes - 265 No - 87

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800,109 for general operations:

	2001	2002
1. Executive Office	108,581	114,744
2. Election and Registration	2,490	5,625
3. Financial Administration	66,346	78,236
4. Legal Expense	25,000	15,000
5. Personnel Administration	165,600	185,050
6. Planning	10,750	13,000
7. Zoning	3,250	3,250
8. General Government Build	26,050	25,650
9. Cemeteries	16,942	16,880
10. Insurance	28,298	32,500
11. Regional Associations	2,993	3,484
12. Town Report	3,800	4,000
13. Police Department	199,181	212,738
14. Fire Department	51,868	58,440
15. Forest Fires	600	600
16. Building Inspection	3,974	3,974
17. Office of Emergency Management	100	100
18. Highway Maintenance	327,201	332,466
Highway Reconstruction	216,750	232,500
19. Street Lighting	14,700	14,500
20. Transfer Station	156,068	182,383
21. Health Agencies, CAP	14,549	8,983
22. Welfare	21,310	13,260
23. Information Booth	3,890	3,890
24. Parks & Recreation	25,673	25,673
25. Library	43,092	52,898
26. Conservation Commission	625	625
27. Historical Society	250	250

28. Interest-Tax		
Anticipation Notes	500	500
29. Sewer Department	56,290	60,340
30. Bond/Note		
Principal & Interest	40,913	39,675
31. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
32. Safety Communication		
Services	21,141	22,950
33. Capital Outlay	34,945	34,945
TOTALS	\$1,694,720	\$1,800,109

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 3 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 3: Majority in favor. Article 3 passed as read.

ARTICLE 4: To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto. Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 4 as read. Discussion followed. Vote on Article 4: Majority in favor. Article 4 passed as read.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	50,000
POLICE CRUISER	10,000
AMBULANCE	3,000
RECREATION FACILITY	5,000
REVALUATION	50,000

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 5 as read. Discussion followed.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,000

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 6 as read. Discussion followed.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$17,330 to install new high pressure sodium street lights.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 7 as read. Discussion followed.

VOTE: Majority against. Article 7 was not adopted.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,288 for a new police cruiser and authorize the withdrawl of \$23,288 from the Police Cruiser fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 8 as read. Discussion followed.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,800 for a tractor at the Blodgett Landing Treatment Plant and further authorize the transfer of \$18,800 from the Blodgett Landing special revenue fund undesignated fund balance. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 9 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 9: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of controlling milfoil in lakes in Newbury, including, but not limited to, research and education related to milfoil, and other actions the Board of Selectmen may deem necessary related to milfoil, and furthermore raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be placed in this fund, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 10 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 10: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects as provided by RSA 674:5-8. And

furthermore authorize the raising and appropriation of \$4,000 for this purpose.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 11 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 11: Majority in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to designate Cheney Road, from the intersection with Chalk Pond Road to the intersection with Old Post Road and Old Province Road, as scenic roads, as provided under RSA 231, Sections 157 and 158. (By petition)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 12 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 12: Majority in favor. Article 12 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$219,770 to pave the unpaved portion of Rollins Road that begins after the lower paved section to its cul de sac. This amount also includes all funds necessary to prepare the road for paving. (By petition; not recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 13 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 13: Majority against. Article 13 was not adopted.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to accept Winding Brook Road (1.3 miles) in Mountainside at

Newbury Association. Subject to approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.
(By petition)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 14 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 14: Majority in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Town's interest in abandoned route 103 roadbed abutting land of Alice Gove, Tax Map # 50, Lot # 563-237. On such terms as the Selectmen may deem in the best interests of the Town. (By petition)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 15 as read. Discussion followed.

Vote on Article 15: Majority in favor. Article 15 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator Marashio explained that further discussion at this meeting is not legally binding.

Barbara Freeman spoke on behalf of the Planning Board regarding re-regulating the zoning in Blodgett Landing and other dense areas. There is currently a subcommittee working out the details for a town vote in the near future.

Clyde Bacon asked for a sense of the meeting to direct the Board of Selectmen to (1) attempt to find a usable site in Newbury for a new school; and (2) lobby

any committees to see that Newbury will be considered as an option for the location of a new school.

Janet Krueger requested that the Town send out sample ballots to all registered voters prior to elections so voters can make an educated vote.

Dean Bensley thanked the Board of Selectmen, Boards, and Committees for making a town we all benefit from.

Doug Whelan asked about the improvements on the Center Meeting House that were presented at last year's town meeting. The grant request was not submitted due to lack of funds but will be rescheduled for July 2002.

Motion to adjourn the March 2002 Town Meeting was made and seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Champy, Town Clerk*

Summer Town Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2002

PRESENT:

Selectmen: David Kinsman

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly Candidus, Chief Valiquet, Ron Williams, Betsy Soper, Alan Brown

Citizens: Katheryn Holmes, Joyce Barron, John & Barbara Gibson, Charley Schiess, Gary Budd, Bob Woodman, Peter & Joan Santoro, *et.al.*

MEETING CONVENED: 8:00 a.m.

Selectman Dave Kinsman opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He explained that the summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to share in information about current and ongoing issues in the town. Town representatives were introduced and Kinsman asked librarian Alan Brown to present his report.

Alan Brown, librarian, reported that the level of activity at the library continues to increase. July was the busiest month on record, with more than 1,000 patrons visiting the facility. Attendance is up 20 percent and circulation of materials is up 29 percent over the same time period in 2001. The library has extended its hours to 32 per week. The budget for 2002 showed an increase of 20 percent primarily to cover personnel increases and benefits and heating costs. Volunteers have contributed

more than 400 hours so far this year and their help is invaluable in providing library services.

Charley Schiess thanked Alan for his report and commented that the town is lucky to have him as librarian.

Schiess noted that there is a map in the library detailing the study of Blodgett Landing being conducted by a sub-committee of the Planning Board. The study is aimed at providing the area with modified zoning regulations to ease requirements for building and altering existing structures. This will benefit residents. At the same time, with Blodgett Landing providing so much tax revenue to the town, why can't there be decent roads? Pavlicek explained that the Highway Department is working on the roads now to remove rocks in preparation for shimming and paving, to be done after work on the man-holes is complete (by Labor Day). Shimming and paving will be started the first week of October. Schiess responded that was good news, but why has it taken five years? It's a compact area of only 1.7 miles.

Barbara Gibson added that the roads are worse now than last year. No potholes were filled.

Mr. Santoro remarked that resurfacing work on Pine and Washington Streets which was done only a year ago is now in need of more work; the surface is bad again. He said Blodgett residents don't get enough services for the taxes they pay and they even have to pay to dispose of items at the dump. Schiess said that road conditions have been a long-time complaint; it's a shameful situation.

Pavlicek said crack sealing is done annually, as needed, on all re-paved roads. He will check on the condition of resurfaced Pine & Washington Streets with the Highway Administrator.

A resident remarked that Bowles Road is in great condition. He'd be willing to wait another year if

Blodgett roads could be put in such high-quality condition.

Betsy Soper said that improved road conditions, such as on Bowles Road, can lead to speeding problems.

A resident asked who makes decisions on what roads are to be repaired, and on what schedule. Pavlicek said the Highway Department works on a five-year road improvement schedule, based on existing road conditions, and this schedule is subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen. Schiess asked what the cost was for paving 1.7 miles of road. Pavlicek said it was about \$230,000 in the case of Bowles Road. Cost depends on the base work that is needed before repaving. Schiess said the traffic was 300-500 cars per day on Blodgett roads. A resident said they want the same attention and quality of work as is given other areas in town. Pavlicek said he will communicate concerns to the Highway Administrator and Board of Selectmen.

Joyce Barron remarked that the town continues to accept new roads. She thinks this should stop, as it is too costly. Pavlicek explained that town acceptance of roads is determined at town meeting in response to a petition article. Kinsman added that the Highway Administrator and Board of Selectmen must agree that the road condition meets specifications, or that the petitioners will bear the cost of bringing it up to spec. Pavlicek further explained the process for producing a petition warrant article, with 25 signatures of registered voters, and the time requirements for filing.

Schiess asked who is the councilman representing the Landing residents. Pavlicek explained that the three elected selectmen have responsibility for all areas of town.

It was noted that a Planning Board study was under way to develop special overlay regulations for Blodgett Landing designed to ease setback requirements

for building and alterations. There will be a public hearing on these proposals on August 15th at 7 p.m. Ron Williams added that homeowners residing in Blodgett Landing had difficulty in meeting zoning requirements for setbacks because of the population density and the fact that almost all lots are non-conforming. A special sub-committee established last winter to study the area will make recommendations for special zoning requirements for the area which will have to go before town meeting for approval. The public hearing will address their recommendations. Building in the area is further complicated because of state-imposed restrictions on further hook-ups to the sewer system. The Highway Department is doing preliminary work on manholes and removing boulders to provide a good road surface.

Santoro remarked that the loan to pay for the sewer construction was paid off long ago and therefore the town must be making a good profit on payment of sewer taxes. Pavlicek said not at all; the operating budget of \$50,000 was just adequate to cover costs incurred by state regulations, personnel, and upkeep.

A question was raised about the firemen's auction. Will it be held this year? Chief Valiquet replied that it would be held at a date to be announced. Pavlicek added that Hazardous Waste day will be held August 24th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Newbury Highway Garage.

Chief Valiquet reported that the Safety Services building had been enlarged last year and the new space was being utilized. The department now has three full-time officers as well as a secretary and part-time officers. He updated the attendees on the state of the department vehicles. Gibson asked if there was still a high turnover of personnel. He replied that the situation is better since the Board of Selectmen have supported competitive salaries and benefits. He does not foresee adding people soon. Gary Budd asked how much more larger neighboring towns or the state paid their officers.

Valiquet said three to four thousand more per year. Budd said Newbury should pay more than the state to keep really good officers.

Schiess remarked that part-time residents support the town with their taxes and spend big dollars. He said taxes go up every year and asked what they get in return. Valiquet remarked that tax increases cannot be blamed on the town. Summer residents make his taxes go up by selling property for millions. He explained the cost to replace a policeman and said their pay was worth every penny in value to the town. Pavlicek explained how the tax rate is set and what portions of tax go to the town vs. those to the state & local school and the county. He said the town increases are minimal and are due to increased building in town which increases overall valuations. A town-wide revaluation is in process which will become effective with the second tax bills in 2003. He explained the various stages of work involved in the revaluation and said values will be based on current market values.

Joyce Barron asked if the revaluation process was state mandated. Pavlicek said yes, it is required every seven years (or less). He said values will go up based on location. He explained again where tax dollars go and how the budget is voted on.

Barron asked what services the town gets from the county. Pavlicek said we pay approximately \$700,000 for services from the Sheriff's Department, Attorney General's office, the Registry and support for Corrections and nursing homes.

Barron asked what the timetable was for establishing a boat launch at Wild Goose and if there were going to be changes in the speed limit on Route 103. Chief Valiquet explained that Fish & Game has control of the project, backed by federal money. He cited the safety concerns presented by the town regarding the turns into and out of Birch Grove Road to Route 103. Katheryn Holmes said more than 1,000 concerned

citizens have signed a petition to the state not to use this site for a boat launch. Also, the governor has been sent a letter citing problems with milfoil, boat hopping, and disregard of local and state shoreland regulations. Fish & Game has not responded to our concerns, she said, although the governor's office has acknowledged receipt of our letter. Woodman said Fish & Game is immune to town regulations. Holmes said no one is immune and they must adhere to state and town regulations. Pavlicek agreed and cited the requirements the town had to meet to develop Bell Cove. Barron remarked that Rep. Steve Winter supports the town's concerns. She asked that he be copied on any related correspondence and said the town should stress the need to do what's best for the lake. Gibson said the public meeting held by Fish & Game at Mt. Sunapee was a farce.

Barron asked what the status of skateboarding in the town was. Pavlicek replied that a group asking for town support of a skateboard park had been told to come up with some ideas for location and funding/support. The town is waiting to hear from this group.

Pavlicek mentioned the Capital Improvement Program undertaken by the town this year. Ron Williams and Gary Budd explained that the purpose of the program was to identify all projects of \$6,000 or more planned for the next six years. The program asks for justification of expenses and established a priority for projects. This allows for funding capital reserves to meet anticipated expenses. There was further discussion about how the state uses school tax funds from towns on an inequitable basis.

Regarding the revaluation process, Pavlicek said listers examining property will make appointments on houses they could not access on their first visit. An attendee asked if they worked evenings or weekends. Pavlicek replied they did not work weekends, but will work something out through the appointment process.

The listers do not set values; they do an inventory of the property. Another question: Will the old tax cards be saved? Pavlicek said yes, they are historical records and will be filed. New assessment information will be accessible via a computer in the lobby. Assessments reflect lots, not foot frontage.

Barron remarked that the July Teddy Roosevelt visit to Newbury Harbor was outstanding. The impersonator did a great job. She thanked the town.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:55 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Candidus, Administrative Assistant*

Births

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

Date	Child's Name	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
02/01/02	Richard James Janusas Delieto	New London, NH	Richard Delieto	Debra Delieto
03/23/02	Shannon Elizabeth Higgins	Lebanon, NH	John Higgins	Terri Higgins
04/07/02	Freeman Lewis Tuohy	New London, NH	Patrick Tuohy	Jennifer Tuohy
04/27/02	Brian James Falvey	Concord, NH	Scott Falvey	Emily Welsh
05/06/02	William Kirkland Grennon	Concord, NH	William Grennon	Kimberly Kirkland
05/06/02	Trevor James McConnell	Lebanon, NH	Rodney McConnell	Jamie McConnell
05/27/02	Kaden Alexander VonKannewurf	Lebanon, NH	Patrick VonKannewurf	Terra Geer- VonKannewurf
08/18/02	Gianna Leigh Cole	Concord, NH	Robert Cole	Heidi Cole
09/09/02	Angelina Ruth Bowne	Claremont, NH	Nick Bowne	Joanne Bowne

Marriages **Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2002**

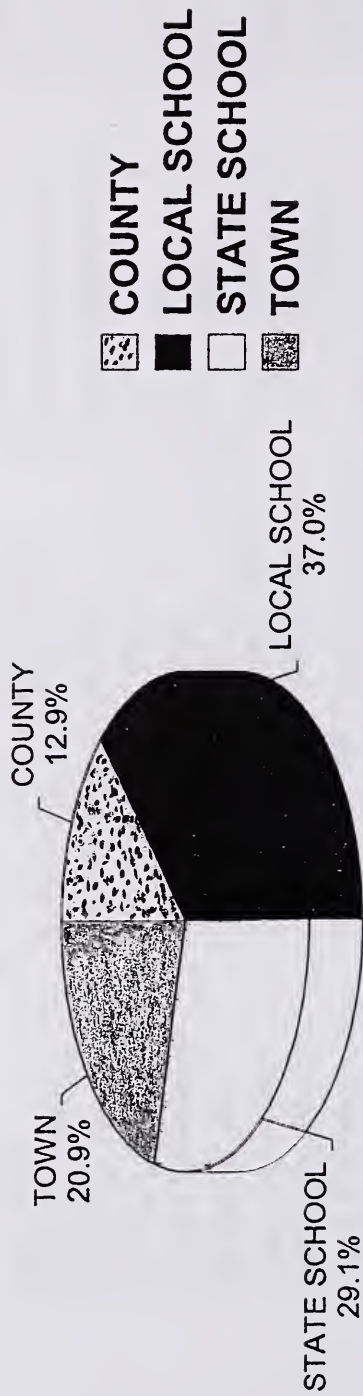
Date	Groom's		Groom's		Bride's		Bride's		Place of Marriage
	Name		Residence		Name		Residence		
03/30/02	Howard P. Eaton, Sr.		Newbury, NH		Martha A. Carpenter		Newbury, NH		Bradford
05/14/02	William O. Gall		Newbury, NH		Winona K. Donohue		Wakefield, RI		New London
07/14/02	Harley A. Walker		Newbury, NH		Donna Walsh		Newbury, NH		Newbury
07/20/02	Jahn T. Ayotte		Goshen, NH		Tricia D. Goble		Newbury, NH		Sunapee
09/07/02	Roy J. Messer		Newbury, NH		April L. Robbins		Newbury, NH		Bradford
09/07/02	James S. Wassell		Sunapee, NH		Ellen M. Croteau		Newbury, NH		New London
09/07/02	John P. Allen		Newbury, NH		Melissa A. Newell		Newbury, NH		Sutton
09/14/02	Bruce E. Healey		Newbury, NH		Judith M. Gannon		Newbury, NH		Sunapee
10/05/02	David I. Pho		Newbury, NH		Linda M. Sinatra		Newbury, NH		Newbury
11/06/02	Ian J. McNair		Epsom, NH		Teresa M. Vitale		Newbury, NH		Pembroke

Deaths

Registered in the Town of Newbury for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
01/14/02	Marjorie A. Murphy	New London, NH	James Finn	Margaret Barry
01/26/02	Mark R. Hokanson	Lebanon, NH	Harold Hokanson	Wardine Geissler
03/04/02	Irene M. Trudeau	New London, NH	Joseph Praded	Madeline Oleksowicz
03/09/02	James Drewniak	New London, NH	Walter Drewniak	Helen Butman
04/27/02	Kathryn S. Paige	Portsmouth, NH	John Scannell	Martha Keogh
07/15/02	Ralph E. LaClair	Newbury, NH	Guy LaClair	Ruth Murray
08/21/02	Frances I. Bartholomew	Concord, NH	Arthur Deacon	Esther Hoffman
11/28/02	Deniza D. Martin	Lebanon, NH	Halton Beumer	Marguerite Robertson
12/05/02	Martin T. Schnyer	Newbury, NH	Raymond Schnyer	Elizabeth McGrath
12/16/02	Hansi Behr	New London, NH	Kurt Moss	Lotie Bergas

YOUR TAX DOLLARS



COUNTY	2.74
LOCAL SCHOOL	7.83
STATE SCHOOL	6.17
TOWN	4.43
TOTAL	21.17

Private Well Users!

Have you had your well treated recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well? The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

Arsenic
Bacteria
Fluoride
Nitrate
Radium
Radon
Sodium
Uranium



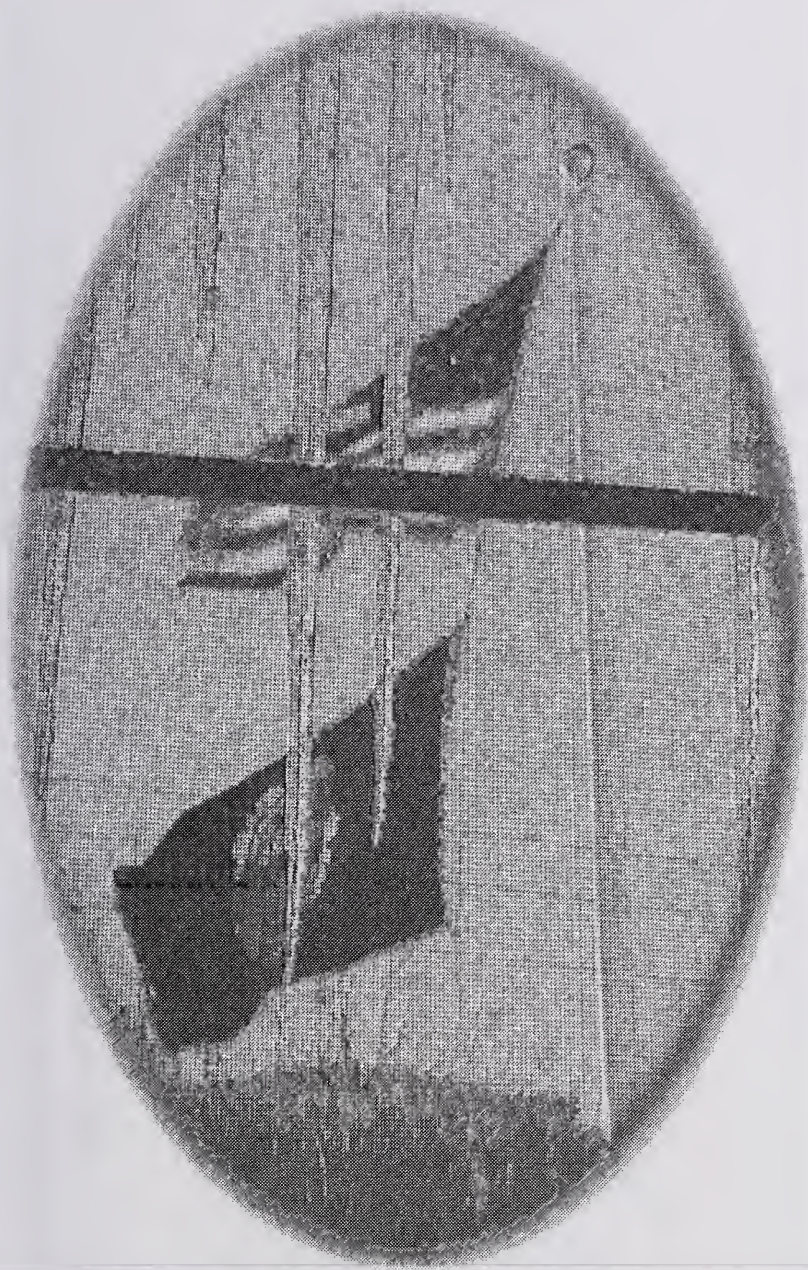
Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)

Need more information? Please visit the NH Department of Environmental Services' website at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, select "fact sheets," then 2-1.



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Flags Over Newbury

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"Teddy Roosevelt" Visits Newbury

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History In Newbury



Holiday Decorations At The Hay Estate

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Lake Sunapee Panorama

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Newbury, New Hampshire



B & M Caboose #443 At Newbury Harbor

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